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SUDDEN DEADLOCK IN ROME NEGOTIATIONS

French Charge d'Affaires Leaves For Paris

SHOCK TROOPS FAIL TO STAY CHINESE COUNTER-ATTACK

Hankow, To-day.
Latest telephone messages from the Taierschwang front state that the Chinese counter-attack in the area has succeeded at all points and the Japanese advance has been turned into a steady retreat.

Japanese shock troops have been employed in repeated counter-attacks, but it is claimed that all have been beaten off with severe losses.

In the south-east, where the Japanese drive has been brought to a standstill, the Chinese are preparing for a counter-offensive.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE STATEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.
Reports received here indicate that the Japanese forces in South Shantung are facing serious difficulties, though the spokesman this morning denied that any reverse had been suffered.

He admitted that the Japanese offensive was "behind schedule," but said that the decisive battle had still to come.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving eastward and extends from the Lower Yangtse to the Bonins, pressure being highest over the Eastern Sea.

Local forecast:—E. and N. E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

JUNK PIRATED

While a junk loaded with a cargo of wolfram ore was near Bias Bay it was overtaken by a pirate junk and boarded by nine men. Six were armed with revolvers and several shots were fired. The cargo was transferred and the pirates made off in the direction of Li To Ling.

Technical Issues Furnish Stumbling Block

Paris, To-day.

News that M. Blondel, the French charge d'affaires in Rome, had suddenly left the Italian capital for Paris, gave rise yesterday afternoon to persistent rumours that the Franco-Italian negotiations had reached a deadlock, or at least were not making the desired headway.

The rumours received further nourishment when it became known that in his report to the French Cabinet Council on the foreign political situation, M. Georges Bonnet is said to have spoken of a marked setback in the Franco-Italian talks.

Nevertheless, the Quai d'Orsay continued last evening to manifest considerable optimism, explaining that M. Blondel's journey to Paris is solely the outcome of the fact that a pause has occurred in the negotiations owing to the departure of Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, to Tirana for the wedding of King Zog.

M. Blondel, it is stated, is making use of this pause to come to Paris for information and instructions.

DIFFICULTIES ARISE

Informed circles say, however, that there are difficulties in the talks. The difficulties have nothing to do with the readiness of the French and Italian Governments to bring the negotiations to a good conclusion, and it is a series of technical questions which furnish the stumbling block.

It is pointed out that the opinion prevailed in France at the outset of the talks that recognition of the Italian Empire by France would be made dependent upon certain Italian concessions.

TUNIS SNAG

It now seems that Italy feels herself under no necessity to purchase this recognition which has been accorded by so many other countries.

Tunis provides another snag. The Italians are said to be desirous of obtaining concessions over and above those contained in the Statute of 1935, whereas the French are seeking clarification of the provisions which the Italians have hitherto disagreed.

Although these technical questions are retarding progress, it is obvious that both sides are inspired by a desire to bring the negotiations to a certain stage before Herr Hitler's arrival in Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGED S'HAJ CUSTOMS AGREEMENT

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

FOLLOWING PROTRACTED ANGLO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS, AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE OUTSTANDING SHANGHAI CUSTOMS ISSUES, AND IT IS REPORTED, WILL BE INITIALED ON SATURDAY MORNING.

Copies of the agreement are being sent to France, the United States, and other nations.

According to Japanese reports it has been agreed that the "reformed government" of Central China will appoint a fit Chinese official Superintendent in Shanghai.

FOREIGN LOAN PAYMENTS

Payments on foreign loans will be made on the basis of actual revenues derived from various offices in Japanese-controlled territories.

At the termination of the China Incident, revenues will be deposited with the Yokohama Specie Bank.—Reuter.

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The regularity with which the Colony's social set hit their go-places stride on Saturday nights at the "Gripps" threatens to become a tradition.

Last Saturday night they showed a splendid disdain of the steady rise in the barometer, and several large parties were noted, among which was that given by Mr. A. E. Prats for Judge and Mrs. G. R. Harvey who were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Friday.

The newlyweds are, perhaps, better known in Manila, where Judge Harvey has been a resident for the past 37 years, and is associated with the prominent firm of attorneys-at-law, Messrs. Harvey & O'Brien. Mrs. Harvey was the former Mrs. Elvine Reynolds, and resided in Manila for 14 years.

Some thirty guests were present to honour the couple, and among them were Mr. L. D. Kilbee, Dr. G. Balean, Miss J. Nash, Mr. E. S. Moses, Mrs. Li Tse Fong, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Peng Wah, Mrs. Fung

Peng Fan, Miss J. Domingo, Lt. K. Buchanan, Lt. T. Glossop, Mr. and Mrs. Israel, Mr. F. Kritschmar, Dr. Lois Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Chau Mo Hwa, Mr. and Mrs. Bayot, the Misses J. and C. Bayot, Mr. C. Sipitsky, Miss A. Fisher, Mr. R. Choa, Miss L. Choa, and Miss Yan.

DOES YOUR SKIN TELL TALES?

Nothing gives away the secret of a woman's age like her skin.

Deep wrinkles may be caused by defective sight or by sorrow, or even ill-temper, but a tired, sagging and yellow skin tells the tale of passing years.

Watch your neck carefully, for that is often where the first signs of an ageing skin are noticed. Here is an excellent recipe for restoring whiteness to a yellow neck: Pour a pint of boiling water over a sliced lemon and add one lump of sugar, a teaspoonful of borax and a pinch of benzoic acid. Let this stand for three hours and then strain. Add four teaspoonfuls of elder-flower water and two of eau-de-Cologne and bottle for use. Wash the neck with plenty of hot water night and morning; then rub with a menthol cone and apply the lotion liberally.

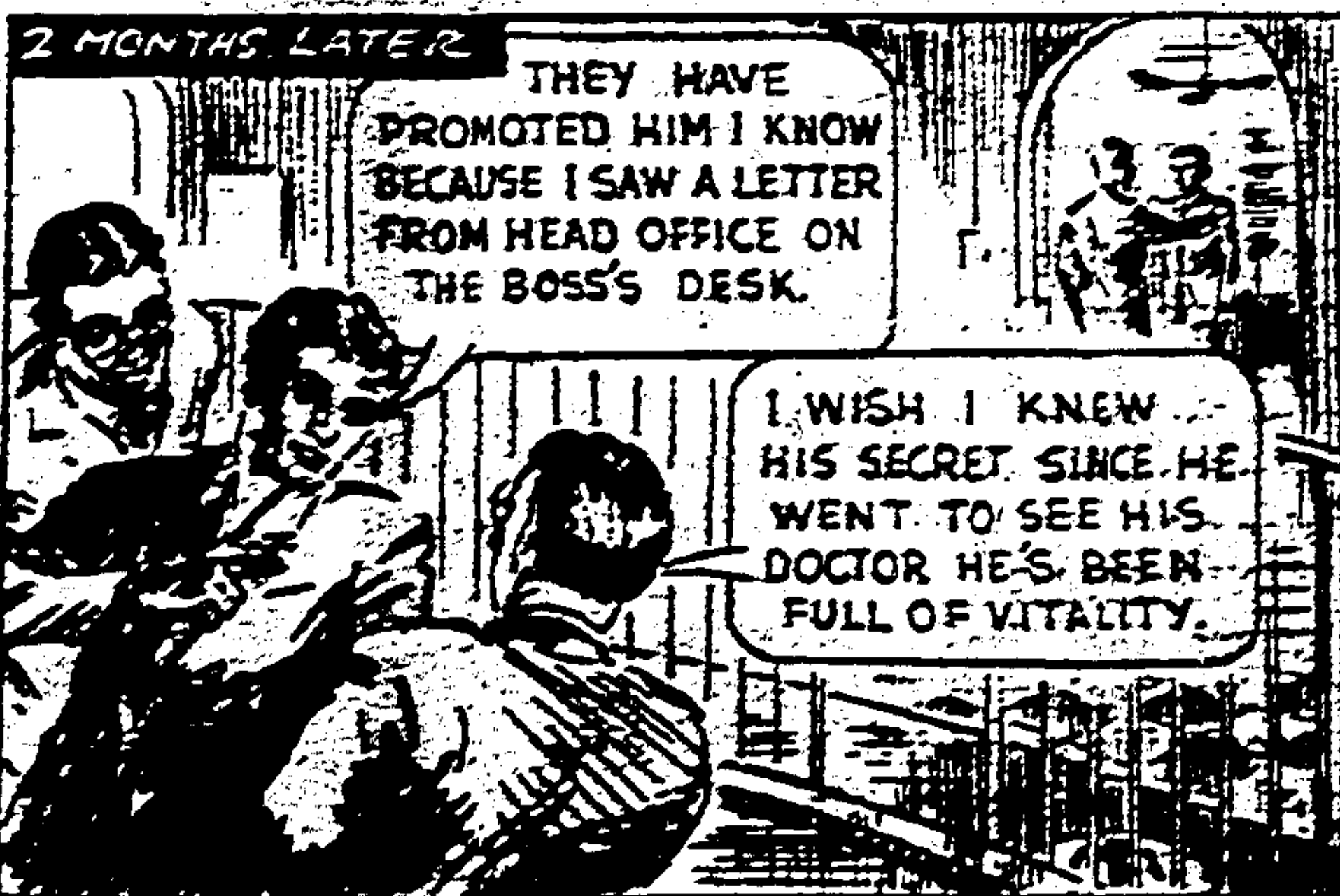
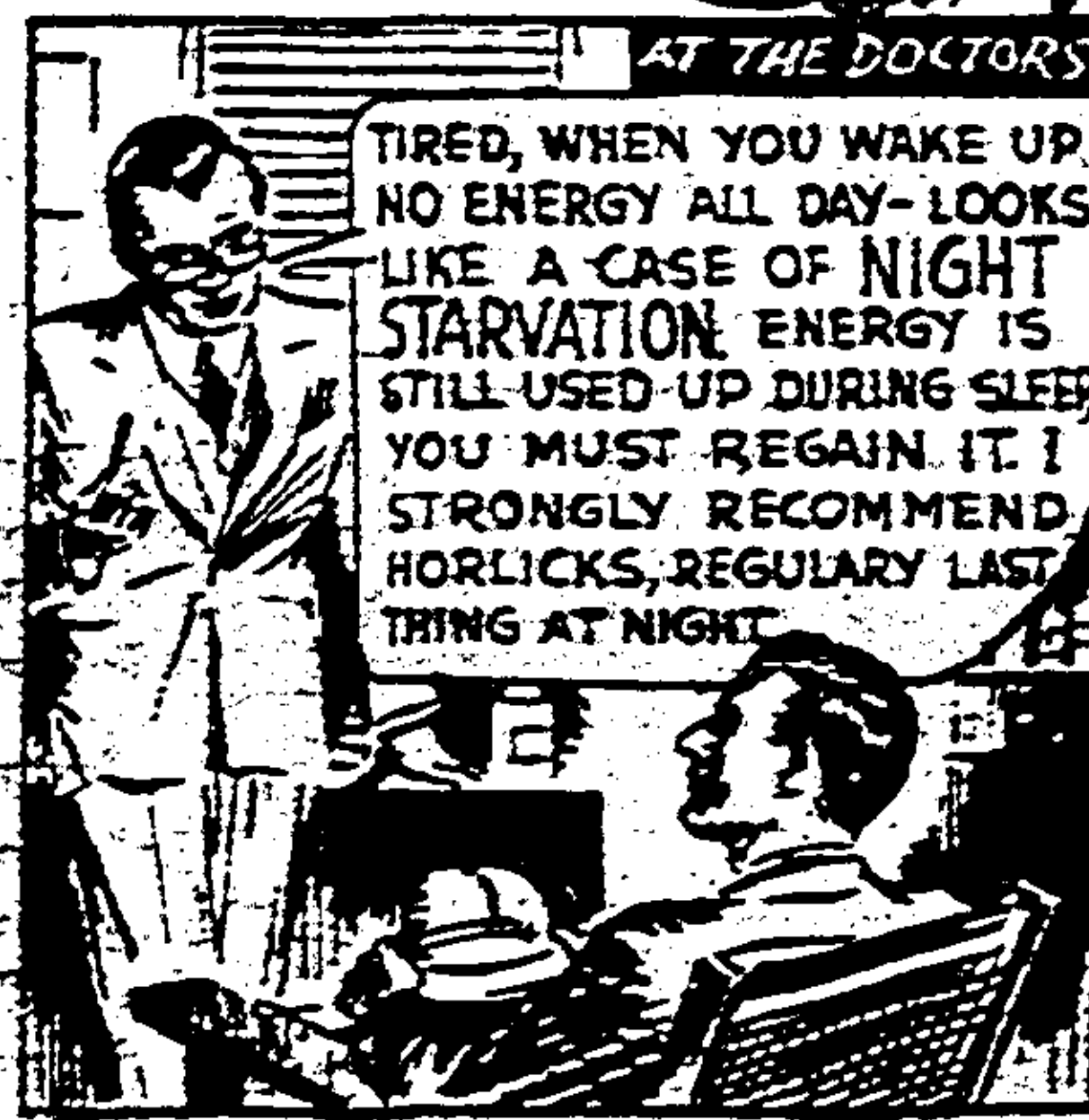
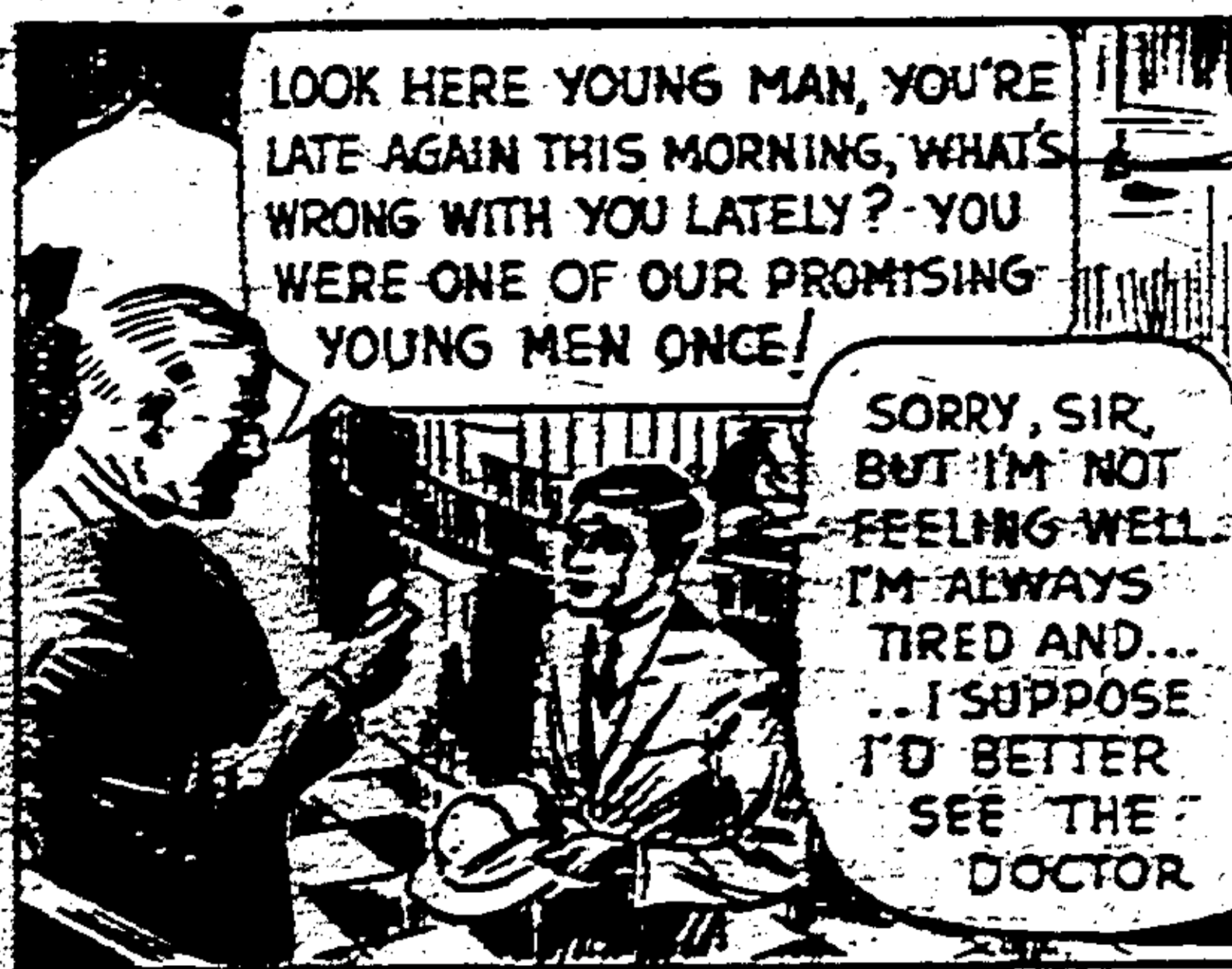
To Wash Velour Curtains.

Did you know that curtains and table covers of heavy velvet-finished furnishing velour can be washed? The trick is never to wring them — just douse them in warm soapy water, then in clear water and hang out dripping wet to dry.



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Alfredo was made a cavaliere of and a whole meal to boot. Try Italy because he is a great restaurateur. His place in the Via della Scrofa in Rome is small, seating sixty people at the most, proving the old adage about good merchandise coming in small packages. Alfredo does not make spaghetti. He does not cook spaghetti. He achieves it! He said: "Rome is built on seven hills. Look! Here is the eighth hill." And there on a side table was the largest and tallest amount of spaghetti I ever saw.

Alfredo is a good showman. He won't do any mixing without music. When he is ready, the violinist of his small orchestra, moves over to his side, playing the love motif from "Faust" or "La Tosca" and the great maestro goes to work. His mammoth platter, containing that eighth hill of spaghetti, is piping hot. So is the sauce. With his spoon and fork he proceeds to mix spaghetti and sauce. There is a large bowl of grated Parmesan cheese standing by, which comes into action later on.

The actual cooking of spaghetti is easy. All you need is a whole lot of galloping boiling water. Drop in the spaghetti, along with some salt. You can boil it for ten minutes or up to twelve minutes. Stir the spaghetti around several times just so it won't stick to the pan. When it is cooked let some hot water run over it after it is drained through a colander. Packaged spaghetti comes in different weights, so let us cook one pound.

Great Variety of Sauces

Spaghetti without a sauce doesn't make sense. I have eaten spaghetti all over Italy and there's a different sauce for every section. Milan has its way of preparing the sauce; so has Florence, and Naples and Genoa, but they all agree on three of the ingredients that go in the sauce and these are olive oil, tomatoes and garlic. You can't dodge them no matter where you go in Italy.

Alfredo has a good line of sauces. His favourite one and the specialty in his fine little restaurant is made first by pot roasting four pounds of brisket of beef or the cut you prefer. Put one-third cup of olive oil in a heavy pot or casserole; when the oil is hot, sear the meat on all sides. Reduce the heat and season with salt. Add to the meat two bay leaves, a pinch of thyme, one dozen whole black peppers, two buttons of garlic. Now cover the pot or casserole and simmer for two and one-half hours, turning the meat occasionally. Then add a No. 2 can of tomatoes and cook thirty minutes longer.

When you remove the meat there should be about two cupfuls of liquid remaining. Strain and add one cupful of tomato sauce or puree. Put the meat through the food chopper and add it and the spaghetti to the sauce. Heat thoroughly and place the spaghetti on a large hot platter and serve. Sprinkle liberally over the top the grated Parmesan cheese.

Now you have a spaghetti dish with the meat in the meat sauce

and a whole meal to boot. Try Georgio Rectorio's version of Alfredo's spaghetti.

Without Tomato Sauce

I think it's a good idea to do a spaghetti dish and omit the tomato sauce, just for a change. In Genoa, Italy, I came across a splendid and simple way to prepare it. Cook one-half pound of spaghetti in the usual way and drain. Heat four tablespoons of olive oil and two tablespoons of butter. It makes a nice combination. Add one teaspoon of chopped garlic and cook colourless, which means, do not let the garlic brown. Now add three tablespoons of finely chopped parsley and one-half pint of cream. Stir, mix and heat, but do not let the cream boil. All the cooked spaghetti, salt and pepper, and again mix, along with three-quarters cup of grated Parmesan cheese. Add the grated cheese and finish it up with more mixing. Be sure the spaghetti is very hot, because the cheese should melt while mixing.

Noodles With Ham

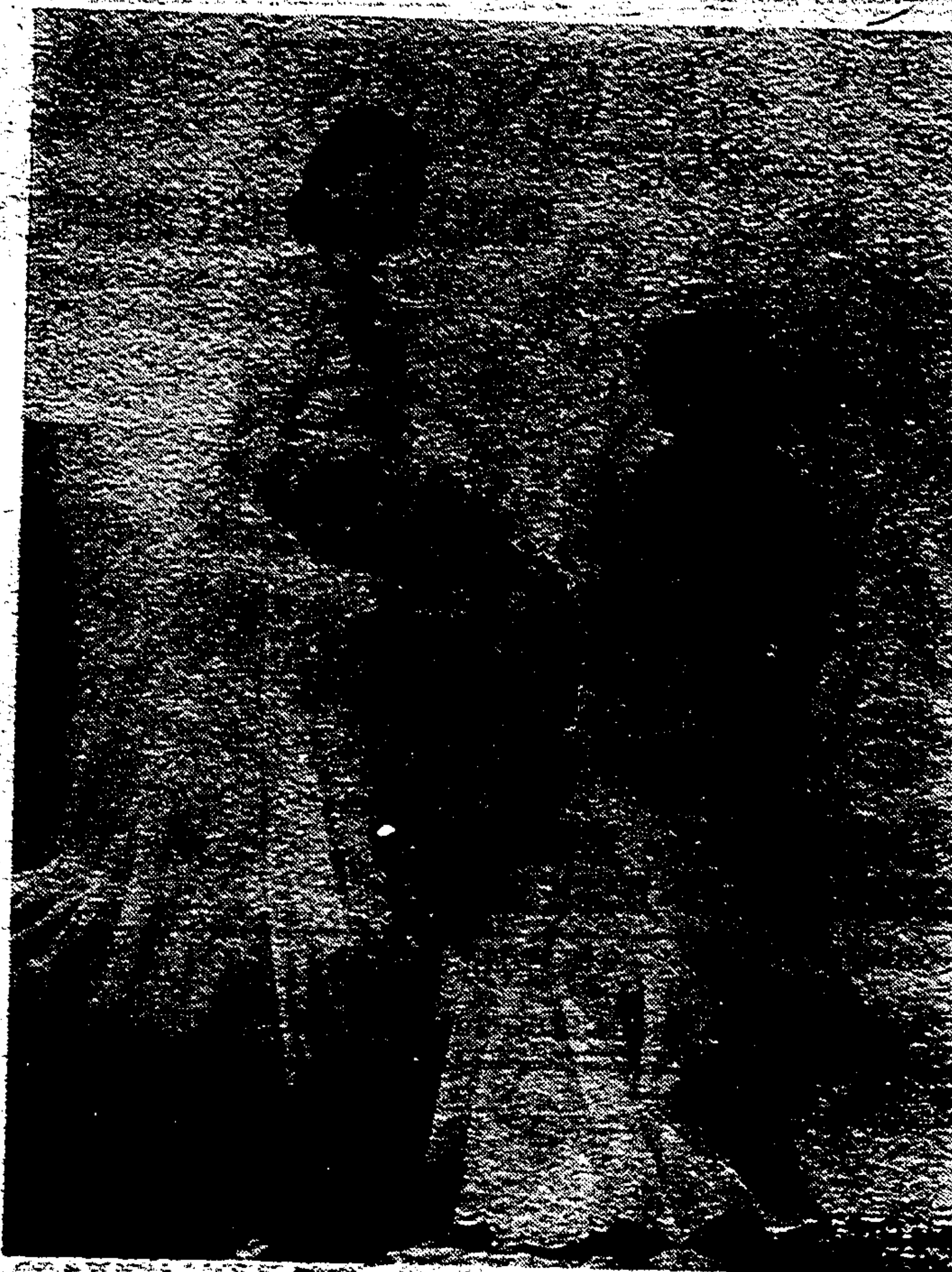
Every now and then, noodles with ham appeared on the luncheon menu of Rector's. Here are the ingredients:

- ½ pound noodles
- 1 slice of raw ham (1 pound)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1½ cups of stock
- 2 onions
- 1 carrot
- 1 button garlic
- ½ cup tomato sauce
- salt and pepper

Cut the ham in thin strips. Put onions, carrot and garlic through the food chopper or chop finely. Heat olive oil in sauce pan and add to it the chopped vegetables and seasonings. Do not let the vegetables brown. Now add the stock, which has been heated with the tomato sauce, and let this mixture heat for fifteen minutes. Cook the noodles in boiling water for about ten minutes, drain and arrange them in a circle on a platter, making a nest in the centre for the sauce. Mix the noodles well with the sauce right at the table and serve with grated cheese, either Swiss or Parmesan.

Tuna Fish Combined

Tuna fish cooked in with spaghetti is another combination that is worth trying sometime. Cook one-half pound of spaghetti. Heat one-fourth cup of olive oil and add to it one teaspoon of finely chopped garlic and two tablespoons of finely chopped parsley and cook for several minutes. Now add one cup of tomato sauce, one-quarter cup of stock. Season with salt and pepper. After the spaghetti has been drained add it to the sauce and also the contents of one small can of tuna fish which has been flaked. Mix well and heat thoroughly for about ten minutes and serve, as usual, with grated cheese.



A PERFECT TEAM. Yards and yards of stiff white organdy fashions these twin frocks for the summer bridesmaid. The corseted bodice is stitched to white satin which also forms the underslip. The pretty sleeves are puffed and gathered at the seam, and rows of scalloping trim the skirt and neckline. Note the flattering picture hat, tied under the chin with long taffeta ribbon.

Personal Jottings

Mr. G. Stanley Lovett, managing director of Messrs. The Organic Fertilizer Co., Ltd., is leaving in the s.s. Empress of Canada on a four months business trip to New York for the purpose of securing further territory for the expansion of the company, and to visit the latest fertilizer plants in the United States. While in New York he will call on Dr. Eap-Thomas, eminent soil bacteriologist and scientist, who holds the world patent rights on a number of fertilizer processes.

Friends of Mr. Edgar Abraham, the exchange broker, will be glad to learn that he has returned to his office following a lengthy illness.

Miss A. Myers and Miss A. Majers, arrived here in the Yasukuni Maru from Malaya, and are staying at the Peninsula Hotel, on a short holiday.

It is understood that Mr. Gilbert Harriman, the local sharebroker, is returning from Australia some time next month.

Mr. Hans P. Melchers, general manager for the Far East of the Transocean News Agency, who is at present on a tour of inspection in South China, left for Manila on Friday in the s.s. Empress of Canada. Prior to his departure, a cocktail party was given in his honour at the German Club last Tuesday, and was attended by the Consul General for Germany, Herr H. Gipperich.

Mr. A. B. Raworth, manager of Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China, Ltd., left for home on leave in the s.s. Potsdam on Sunday. He is accompanied by Mrs. Raworth.

and the couple expect to return to the Colony in November.

Mr. A. L. Fisher of Messrs. The Hong Kong Telephone Company is proceeding home on leave in the s.s. Empress of Canada on Friday.

A day's outing to Repulse Bay will be enjoyed by members of the Ladies Section of the Y.M.C.A. today.

The League of Nations Society, Hong Kong, will hold their annual general meeting at the Helena May Institute tomorrow at 5.30 p.m., when the society's president, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, will deliver his presidential address. All those interested are invited to attend.

The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, between Au Kwong Wai, son of Au Tai Shing, merchant, and Chung Kwai Lan, daughter of the late Chung Foo Him. The ceremony which took place at 10.30 a.m. was performed by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. W. A. Jones, and witnessed by Mr. Philip Chan and Mr. Chan Fai.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced: Mr. Cecil Raymond Smirke, overseer, residing at 9 Ho Tung Mansions, Kowloon, to Miss Mary Battery of 117 Sai Yee Street, Kowloon. Mr. Eric Henry Watts, merchant, residing at 14 Broadwood Road, Hong Kong, to Miss Frita Priscilla Summers of Grantleigh Hotel, Inverness Terrace, London, W.1, and Mr. Leung Tze Wa, secretary in the employ of Messrs. Tung Chang Co. (H.K.) Ltd., to Miss Cho Wai Ching, of 80c Fung Yuen North Street, Canton.

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"RUGGLES OF RED CAP"**SUDETEN GERMAN CLAIM
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Berlin, To-day.

Further indication of the whole-hearted approval with which Germany hails the demands put to the Czecho-Slovakian Government by Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Germans, is furnished by lengthy commentaries on his Karlsbad speech.

Yesterday evening's newspapers describe the demands as a peace offer to the Czech Government, upon whom now rests the responsibility for coming to a workable and fruitful arrangement with the 3,500,000 Sudetens.

"Der Angriff" publishes a special interview with Konrad Henlein on what he would do if he were given Ministerial authority to carry out his plans.

"I would set about establishing that condition of justice and equality," he declared, "that to-day serves as sole security for European peace."

NO IDEOLOGIES

"Certain it is that I would not associate myself with those ominous ideologies and views which certain Prague politicians appear to regard as necessary for preservation of the present unsatisfactory state of affairs."

"Living in our state are 3,500,000 Germans, a population larger than that possessed by some European countries."

"Yet equality of rights is withheld from them."

"These Germans must be allowed to openly confess their adherence to the German race and to the German conception of life."

MENACE TO PEACE

"They must be allowed to live in their territory as Germans enjoying full equality with the Czech people."

"That this has hitherto been denied them, constitutes a real and dangerous menace to European peace."

"To puff these millions off their soil is impossible. We want peace in Europe because we are in need of it."

"I know the Czech people share our desire for peace but as long as inflammatory press campaigns of unexampled ferocity are tolerated, so long as forces are allowed to be at work which seek to compel the peoples of this state to accept an anomalous existence to the detriment of Europe, it will be useless for the world to hope here for genuine appeasement."

NO PATCHING UP

"It is no good to try here any patching up."

"There must be reparation and at long last realisation of those democratic principles ascribed to by Prague in the Treaty of St. Germain and on various later occasions."

The semi-official bulletin of the German Foreign Office comments: "Nobody in the world who in the past had taken exception to the unedifying conditions in the nationality of states can afford to ignore the programme of the Sudetens as put forward at the Karlsbad Congress."

RIGHT TO EXISTENCE

"Least of all the Czechs them-

ves. What is demanded by the Sudetens is nothing more than equality and their right to national existence in this state."

"In the last resort it remains the question of whether there is to be fulfilment on the part of the Czechs of the fundamental principles of inter-racial existence, or whether chauvinism will stand in the way of an honourable and equitable peace."

This comment points out that a large share of the responsibility for future development now rests with the foreign powers.

INSTINCTS EXPLOITED

"In the past, grave doubts always arose when the instincts of a people were exploited with the object of encouraging it to adopt a hostile attitude towards another nation."

"Those responsible for the Czech state have not shown an insight in the changes which have occurred in the structure of Europe."

"This has led to a situation which calls for adoption of new methods."

"Hence it is not only foolish, but downright unscrupulous, of the foreign press to speak at this juncture of a 'diplomatic trial of strength,' instead of 'reasonable necessity.'"

"LEADING STRINGS"

"Konrad Henlein's demands contain nothing else than what every self-respecting people demands, to assure itself of its free existence."

"The Czechs are not asked to undertake anything more than to cease committing excesses, and to renounce all claim to hold the leading strings, just as they had demanded these things in their revolutionary struggle."

"The road to a constructive solution lies open."—Trans-Ocean.

**M. DALADIER'S
LONDON VISIT**

London, To-day.

Monsieur Daladier, the French Premier, and Monsieur Bonnet, Foreign Minister, will lunch with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, at No. 10, Downing Street, on Thursday. The French Ministers will dine and spend the night at Windsor Castle on Thursday night and on Friday will lunch with Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary. They will leave on their return to Paris later in the day.—British Wireless.

ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES PAY CONTROL DUES

London, To-day.

At a meeting of the Chairman's sub-committee of the international non-intervention committee in London, it transpired from a statement by the Accounting Officer to the International fund that the balance available was only sufficient for the continuance of the observation scheme and preliminary work in connection with the plan for the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain up to the end of the present month.

This situation had arisen largely following the interruption of the contributions of the Soviet Government at the beginning of last October.

As a result no payment was made on 8th October last by Russia, Germany or Italy.

Other Powers then interrupted payment, namely, besides one or two who were already in arrears, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Payment was duly made on 8th October by the United Kingdom Government, which, however, made no subsequent payment.

The French Government duly paid their contribution in respect not only of 8th October but also of 8th November and 8th December. Poland and Lithuania also paid up to 8th December.

The following Powers had not only paid their agreed contributions up to and including 8th December but had also paid contributions for varying periods in the ensuing month—Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Eire, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Portugal and Rumania.

SOVIET STAND

After the Committee had heard this statement on the position of the international fund, the Soviet representative declared the unwillingness of his Government to resume payments unless and until the International Committee's resolution of November 4th last was implemented.

As a result of the discussion, the United Kingdom, German and Italian representatives agreed that their Governments should make their contributions up to December 8th regardless of the decision of the Soviet Government.

The French Government has already made its payment to that date. The representatives recommended to their Governments that monthly payments be made in future.

The Accounting Officer stated

IMPORTANT P.O. PLANS FOR EXTENSIONS

London, To-day.

Speaking at the banquet of the National Chamber of Trade at Brighton last night, the Assistant Postmaster-General revealed important Post Office plans for the improvement of communication services, including the erection of a large new receiving station in Kent with an aerial two miles long, connected to the receiving station by sixteen miles of special cable for the trans-Atlantic telephone system.

Arrangements have also been made for the provision of ultra-short wave radiotelephone channels between the United Kingdom and France and between the mainland and the Shetland Islands.

Sir Walter Womersley said that during the past twelve months great progress has been made in the development of world communications, especially as they affected the Empire. To provide for the growth of traffic to Holland and the Scandinavian countries, a new type of cable was laid between England and Holland.

The total number of telephone circuits between England and the Continent was now more than 170.

ULTRA-SHORT WAVE

Ultra-short wave radio, telephone circuits would also be utilized for connecting the Hebrides and other islands where neither telegraph or telephone communication has hitherto been available.

In the United Kingdom itself, where progress has also been evident during the last twelve months, 6,200 new circuits had been added to the trunk system, in the sphere of imperial and foreign telegraphs. All else had been eclipsed by the recent announcement that Cables and Wireless and its Associated Companies overseas were introducing a new rate schedule to all parts of the Empire. The maximum rate of 1s 3d per word for full-rate telegrams between Empire countries represented a truly notable advance in Imperial communications.—British Wireless.

that if these payments were made promptly it would be possible for the work of the Nonintervention Board to be continued. The sub-committee then adjourned.—British Wireless.

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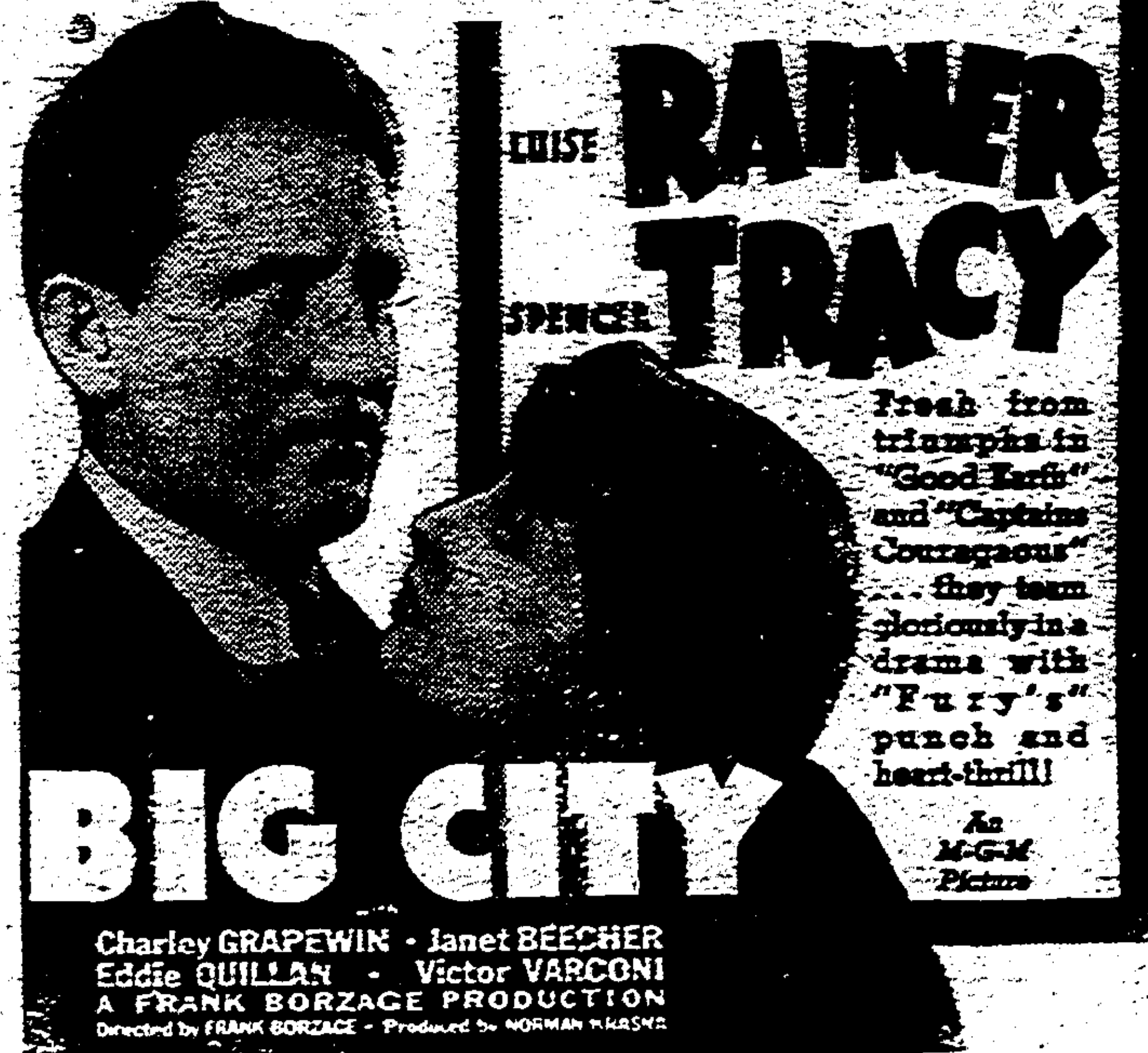
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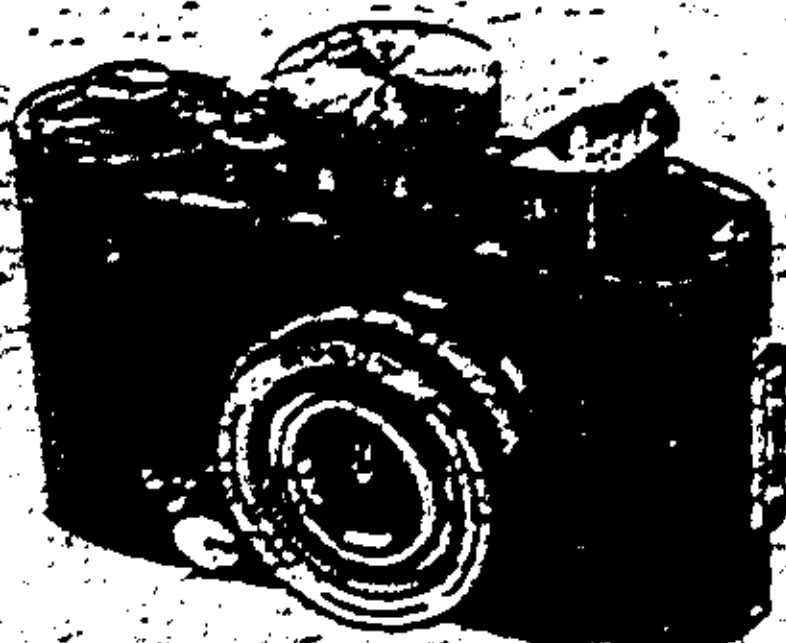
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When Their Majesties the King and Queen paid a visit to Alder shot on April 12, they inspected the home of Sergeant Jones, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Photo shows Sergeant Jones and his wife and baby bidding goodbye to the King and Queen. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

ITALY AND SUDETEN DEMANDS

Milan, To-day.

The demands presented to the Czech Government by the Sudetic German leader Konrad Henlein addressed at Karlsbad were prominently featured by the press here and some of the papers published lengthy comments which show a great deal of understanding for the Sudetic German point of view.

The "Gazzetta de Popolo" concludes from Henlein's speech that the Sudetic Germans do not insist on territorial economy. The paper believes that Henlein's demands should therefore not be unacceptable for the Czech Government.

The Turin paper "Stampa" points

VON BLOMBERG IN FAR EAST

Amsterdam, To-day.

Field-Marshal Werner von Blomberg, former German Defence Minister, accompanied by his wife, has arrived at Belawan, in North Sumatra, in the Netherlands East Indies, says a message from Medan.

Field-Marshal von Blomberg is reported to have told a Sumatra newspaper reporter that he is on his way to Japan, where he intends to make a short stay. — Trans-Ocean.

out that the Sudetic German question the chief problem of Czechoslovakia, has now entered upon a new phase and that the way suggested by the leader of the 3 1/2 million Sudetic Germans is the only way in which the problem can be solved. — Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CABINET APPROVES M. DALADIER'S ECONOMIC REFORM PLAN

Paris, To-day.

The French Cabinet yesterday approved the Government's economic reform plan.

Immediately after the Cabinet Council, the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, made a statement concerning the principles inspiring the plan.

Main idea underlying the new plan, he declared, was the necessity of increasing production, which was considerably lower in France in nearly all branches of industry than in most other European countries.

CHIANG MEETS AMBASSADORS

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports circulated here state that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek met the British and Soviet Ambassadors to China during the last week-end and was engaged in a lengthy talk lasting several hours.

The reports originated from Hankow. — Our Own Correspondent.

POPULAR DANCE HOSTESS SUED FOR DAMAGES

Alleged to have entered into a contract to work as a dancing hostess at the China Emporium Ballroom, a Chinese girl, Hung Kook-lan, was sued by the concern for \$600 as "liquidated damages," resulting from an alleged breach of the contract.

The case was heard before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Summary Court this morning.

For plaintiffs, Mr. H. L. Kwan said the parties signed a contract on March 14. Defendant was to work for the Emporium for one month at \$100 a month. The contract was not fulfilled. Defendant went to work at the Capitol Ballroom at \$75 a month, and, according to one of the clauses, she was to pay \$20 a day as liquidated damages.

The defence admitted that there had been a breach of the contract, but contended that it did not embody the true terms agreed upon.

MANAGER'S EVIDENCE

Fung Sui-ting, manager of plaintiff concern, said that on February 25 he saw defendant at the Hotel Cecil and asked her to work for him. She agreed to the terms mentioned but suggested that it last only one month. The contract was signed but defendant could not start at once as she was not feeling well.

On March 12, witness saw defendant again and asked her when she was prepared to work. On her replying, March 14, he put that date on the contract. Defendant,

Balance of payments could only be brought down by intensification of work, and it was indispensable to eliminate all factors checking increase of production.

The plan would maintain the freedom of exchange, would adhere to the existing international currency agreement and would defend the franc, for these were the essential conditions for bringing back capital to France and for putting an end to the hoarding of gold.

BUDGET FINANCING

The measures to be taken include financing of the budget by fiscal means, which would not disturb production.

Regulation of hours of labour within the framework of existing legislation in such a way as to increase productivity.

Organisation of public works, especially slum clearance and demolition of insanitary dwellings.

Development of the resources of the colonial empire, and

Increase of facilities for tourist traffic.

BY DECREES

The plan, the Premier added, would be carried out by means of decrees which would be submitted to the Cabinet for approval shortly after May 1. — Trans-Ocean.

however, did not turn up and on March 18, he learned that she was working at the Capitol. Defendant told witness that the reason she did not carry out the contract was that she was being paid higher wages by the Capitol, and that beautiful girls were not so common there as at the Emporium.

The damages of \$20 a day represented the earnings defendant would have made if she fulfilled the contract.

GOOD EARNER

Cross-examined by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Fung admitted he was eager to get defendant's services as she was a good earner. It was not because of lack of good dancing girls owing to the opening of the Capitol.

Witness denied he filled in the blanks on the contract not in accordance with the terms agreed upon. Though her earnings amounted approximately to \$20 a day, he was not prepared to increase her salary by that sum in order to get her services. He did not agree that defendant was to receive a salary of \$150 and was surprised to learn that she was getting only \$75 from the Capitol.

The case was adjourned to May 9, at 10 a.m.

COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EIRE AND BRITAIN

All Financial Difficulties Out Of Way

Heavy Reductions In Tariffs On British Goods

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Eire Agreement shows that a complete financial settlement has been reached between the two countries.

The agreement provides the transfer to Eire of the coast defence stations which the United Kingdom is unconditionally evacuating.

Eire will pay £10,000,000 to the United Kingdom by Nov. 30 as final settlement of all financial claims by either Government against the other.

Eire will continue to make an annual payment of £250,000 in respect of damage to property under the agreement of December, 1925.

All British penal duties against Eire, and corresponding duties imposed by Eire on United Kingdom products, are abolished.

In effect, the agreement is a complete termination of financial and economic disputes between the two countries.

Eire undertakes to put a duty on foreign coal and to make immediate reductions in duties on United Kingdom goods.

TARIFF CUTS

There will be an immediate reduction in tariffs on twenty-five items.

The Prices Commission of Eire will undertake to review protective duties against United Kingdom goods, and the Government of Eire will undertake to reduce these duties as far as they operate against United Kingdom goods to a level which will give United Kingdom producers full opportunity for reasonable competition while giving Eire industries adequate protection, having regard to relative costs of economic production.

Special consideration will be given to Eire industries not fully established.

BRITISH RIGHTS

Undoubtedly there will be heavy reductions in tariffs on United Kingdom goods, and the United Kingdom Government can ask the Eire Government to request the Eire Prices Commission to give priority to any duty, and British manufacturers can argue before the Commission.

The existing preference margins for United Kingdom goods will be preserved.

The trade agreement will last three years, after which it will be subject to six months' notice by either side.

PARLIAMENTS TO CONFIRM

The agreement is subject to the confirmation of both Parliaments. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day, and the necessary Bill will be passed as soon as possible.

It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain played a big part in bringing the agreement to fruition.

Significance of the agreement is that it goes far beyond the contents, and it is expected that a new Anglo-Irish atmosphere and a new era of friendship and co-operation in matters of common concern will be created.

In regard to defence, it is expected that the Eire Government will now take over more seriously than in the past the question of defence of the principal Eire ports.

BIG STEP

Irish official circles welcome the agreement as a big step towards a more complete agreement in future.

It is felt that the new goodwill on all sides will concentrate on efforts at removing partition, the only remaining obstacle to final conciliation of the two peoples, and Irishmen in Northern Ireland will participate in the work of appeasement.

The Irish delegation's view is that Britain has nothing to fear and everything to gain from a free and independent Ireland.

DEFENCE QUESTIONS

They recall Mr. Eamonn de Valera's repeated declarations that Eire will not be permitted to be used as a base of attack on Britain, and that Eire will defend her sovereignty against all comers.

It is pointed out that the question of defence is no question of paper bargains, but that each country is acting in its own interests, which are joint interests.

As a result of the handing over of the ports, Eire will formulate her own defence policy, though it is possible there will be some consultation or co-ordination with Britain.

U.S. INTEREST

Irish circles regard the friendly interest of the United States as an important factor making the agreement possible, and pay a tribute to Mr. Neville Chamberlain, without whose help no agreement could have been made, and to Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Dominions Secretary, without whom the negotiations could never have been begun.

HENLEIN SPEECH ALARM

Paris, To-day.

The demands made by Conrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Germans in Czecho-Slovakia, have caused anxiety in the Paris press. Many newspapers express the fear that Germany might support the demands with a show of force.—Reuter.

An interesting event in connection with signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement was when Mr. Chamberlain presented Mr. de Valera with a pair of field-glasses which the Eire leader had handed over when surrendering his garrison to the British troops in the 1916 trouble.

Mr. de Valera surrendered the glasses to a military officer who recently sent them to the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

A communique issued yesterday afternoon states: "A meeting between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom and Eire was held at No. 10, Downing Street, when the documents recording the agreement reached as a result of the recent discussions were signed."

The signing of the agreement took place in the Cabinet room, following a luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain. A crowd had assembled in Downing Street and cheered the British and Eirish ministers on their arrival and departure.—British Wireless.

MR. LINDSAY'S PRESCRIPTION FOR PEACE

London, To-day.

Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, speaking in London at the International Conference of Teachers convened by the League of Nations Union, said the acquisition of knowledge and the development of mind were excellent things, but they would not guarantee that human beings would live at peace with their neighbours nor did they necessarily imply tolerance or truthful dealings between peoples.

The making and keeping of peace in the long run was dependent on the sentiments of knowledge and the behaviour of ordinary men and women.

NO QUACK WAY

The forging of good international relations was not the prerogative of Foreign Offices or Embassies. There was no quick and no quack way to goodwill. Fellowship was the reality and peace arrived almost unawares as a byproduct.—British Wireless.

DR. WOERMANN LEAVING

London, To-day.

Dr. Woermann, who had been Counsellor and Charge D'Affaires at the German Embassy in London for the past two years is leaving London for Berlin to take up his new appointment as head of the political department in the German Foreign Office.—British Wireless.

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IDOL OF INDIA'S MASSES

BY
E.C. COTES

ONE of the world's most remarkable characters is Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, now the leader of the Nationalist Movement in India—a movement dominating the newly achieved political emancipation of some hundreds of millions of people inhabiting a sub-continent as big as all Europe, excluding Russia.

Pandit Jawaharlal's history has been one of paradox. Before the British went to India, his forebears from time immemorial were well-to-do Brahmins who, one generation after another, filled administrative posts of importance under successive Moghul Emperors at Delhi. He himself, now in early middle life, was sent as a child to England for education. He is a highly Europeanized "old boy" of that exclusive and aristocratic British academy, Harrow School.

He is the holder of a creditable degree in honours won at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is a fully qualified barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple, the acme of British orthodoxy. He has built up for himself a remunerative practice as an advocate of the High Court at Allahabad, where the charm of his personality, the soundness of his legal knowledge and the brilliance of his addresses have won for him the friendly respect of a distinguished bench of European and Indian judges.

Here the paradox of his career comes in. With all this behind him he has been a revolutionary of revolutionaries. He has played a prominent part in a movement aiming at the destruction of all British power in India. Reckless of personal danger, he has exposed himself to violence in numerous clashes between police and populace.

The movement he has supported has been that of satyagraha (passive resistance), inaugurated by Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (the Mahatma). He has thus set courts of justice, where he has practiced as an advocate, the welcome task of convicting and sen-

encing him to imprisonment for breaking the law of the land. He was first sent to prison in 1921. Since then he has had numerous other sentences. Between 1927 and the present day he has spent five and one half years in jail. More than once he has been injured by baton blows from police engaged under official orders in breaking up illegal gatherings in which he has participated.

His late mother and his wife endured at different times similarly regrettable experiences in support of the cause to which he has so unsparingly devoted himself. That cause is to win independence for India, his view being that nothing else can give his fellow-countrymen and women the freedom and equality with others he so covets for them.

Pandit Jawaharlal's views are complex. By his own choice he is poor in worldly goods, for he need only resume his career as a lawyer to begin acquiring wealth. He has courted hardship, discomfort and suffering in support of his craving for self-government.

In a scholarly biography which he wrote when he was last in prison, he remarks: "If we claim independence to-day it is with no dependence for isolation. On the contrary, we are perfectly willing to surrender part of that independence, in common with other countries, to a real international order."

The writer of this article first met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru many years ago in Allahabad. He was then a well-grown, pleasant-faced youth with ideals, broad, open brow, clear eyes, singularly fair complexion, and cheerful expression tempered by a quite unpretentious aloofness, probably due to shyness, but reminiscent of all that is most characteristic of well-nurtured wearers of the "old school tie." He is now a man of original thought and immense moral force.

After the World War his association with Mr. Gandhi became close. The Pandit also grew interested in the Kisan (peasants) anti-land-rent movement in Oudh. He was not

always in complete sympathy with Mr. Gandhi. "I did not give an absolute allegiance to the doctrine non-violence," he has said, "but the belief grew upon me that... it was the right policy for us... And the non-co-operation movement offered me what I wanted—the goal of national freedom (as I thought) the ending of the exploitation of the underdog."

His abiding sympathy for the "underdog," who in India is the peasant, and his forceful determination to free the poor from the clutches of the money-lender and to lessen what he regards as the undue dominance of the landlords, distinguish his attitude from that of a large number of his associates in the Indian National Congress camp.

His policy has been clearly defined. It is, first, to work toward eliminating foreign (that is British) rule. He rejects altogether the whole scheme of constitutional reform recently introduced from Whitehall.

This is for two reasons; firstly, because he holds that this scheme leaves ultimate control in foreign hands and, secondly, because it relies for support mainly upon what he regards as India's reactionary forces of vested interest and semi-feudal authority.

For the time being he is endeavouring to work with landed and trading interests which in the past have been mainstays of the Indian National Congress movement, of which he is the elected head. But he makes no secret of his own view that the welfare of the masses must be the supreme aim of government and that no competing claim must be allowed to stand in the way of raising the standard of living of the peasants.

He regards socialism as the ultimate means to the attainment of this object. For the present, however, he tries to rally all classes to his immediate endeavour, which is by peaceful means to overthrow British authority so that a new set of conditions may arise, out of which complete Indian autonomy may be in store.

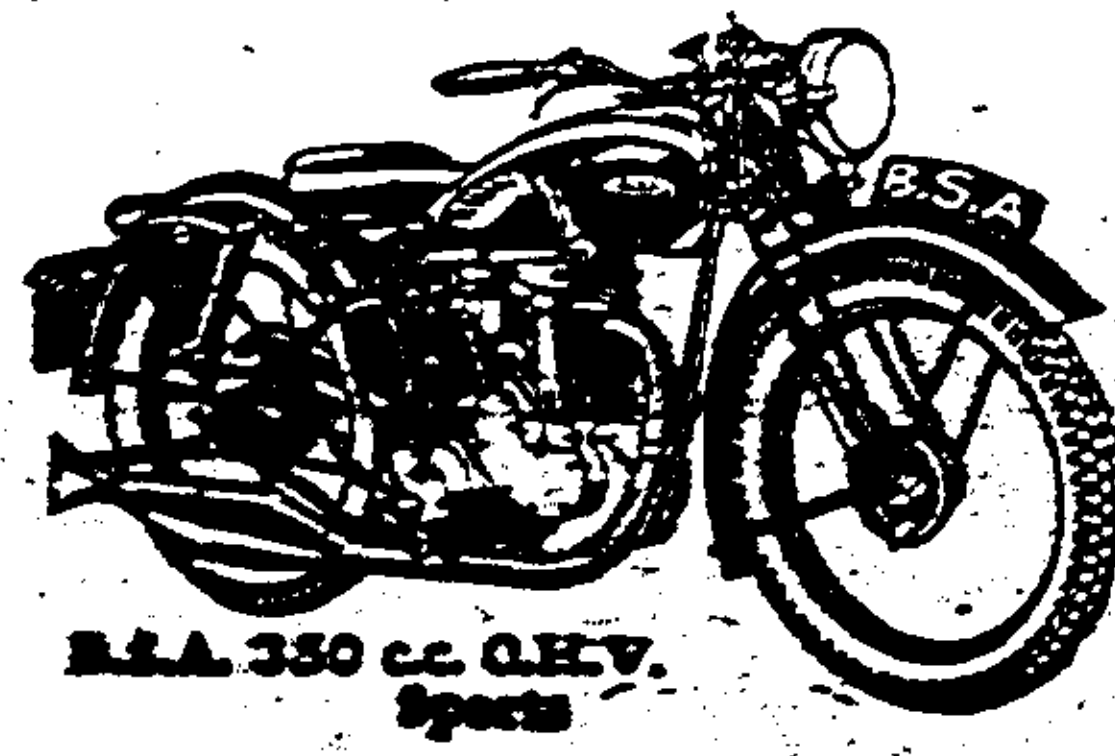
may be built up. His high personal character and his entire selflessness and devotion to the cause of Indian nationalism have made him the idol of the Indian masses. His popularity has become second only to that of Mr. Gandhi, who is venerated with an intensity possible only among Orientals. On the other hand, the propertied classes regard him doubtfully.

Up to the present, Mr. Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal have worked in closest concord with one another, although they differ basically in the fact that the Mahatma would do nothing to antagonize Indian capitalist interests.

Pandit Jawaharlal, on the other hand, is looked upon, not only in British Indian official circles, but also by a good many of the more moderate Indian politicians as a well-meaning but dangerous agitator.

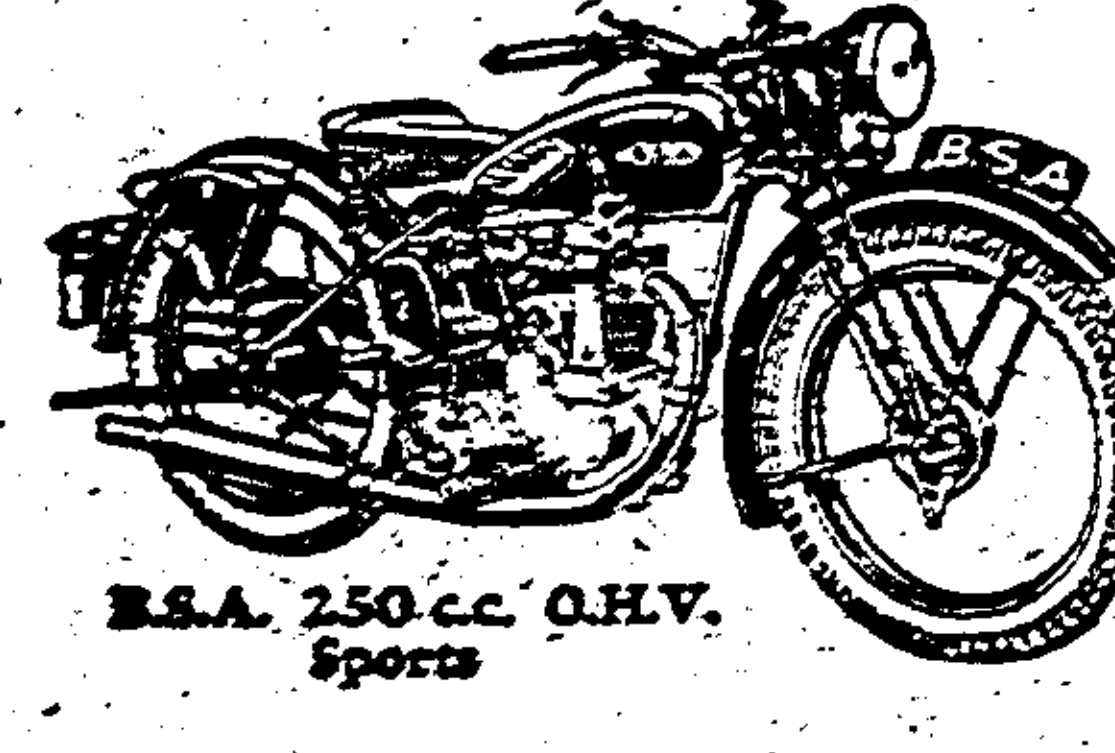
Mr. Basil Mathews, lately professor of Christian World Relations in Boston University, who saw him in India in the latter part of 1936, finds possibilities in him which are of a very different kind. Speaking in London on Feb. 9, 1937, Professor Mathews described Jawaharlal Nehru as "an apostle of nationalism who is really a citizen of the world."

Several weighty opinions thus differ fundamentally about him. Cultured scholar, political enthusiast, ascetic dreamer, devoted social reformer, energetic revolutionary idol of millions of workers, his future may be uncertain. Nevertheless, since he is president of the Indian National Congress, a political body which to-day controls six out of the 11 new provincial legislatures in India, besides swaying the balance in a seventh, it is difficult to de-limit the possibilities for him that may be in store.



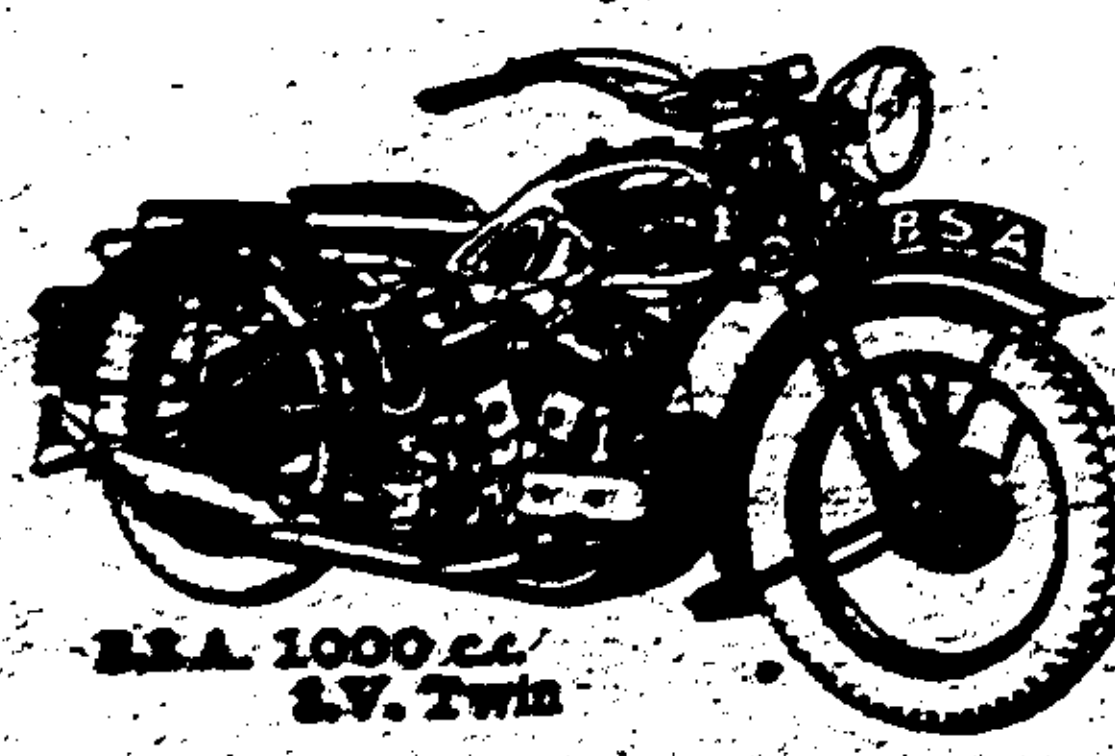
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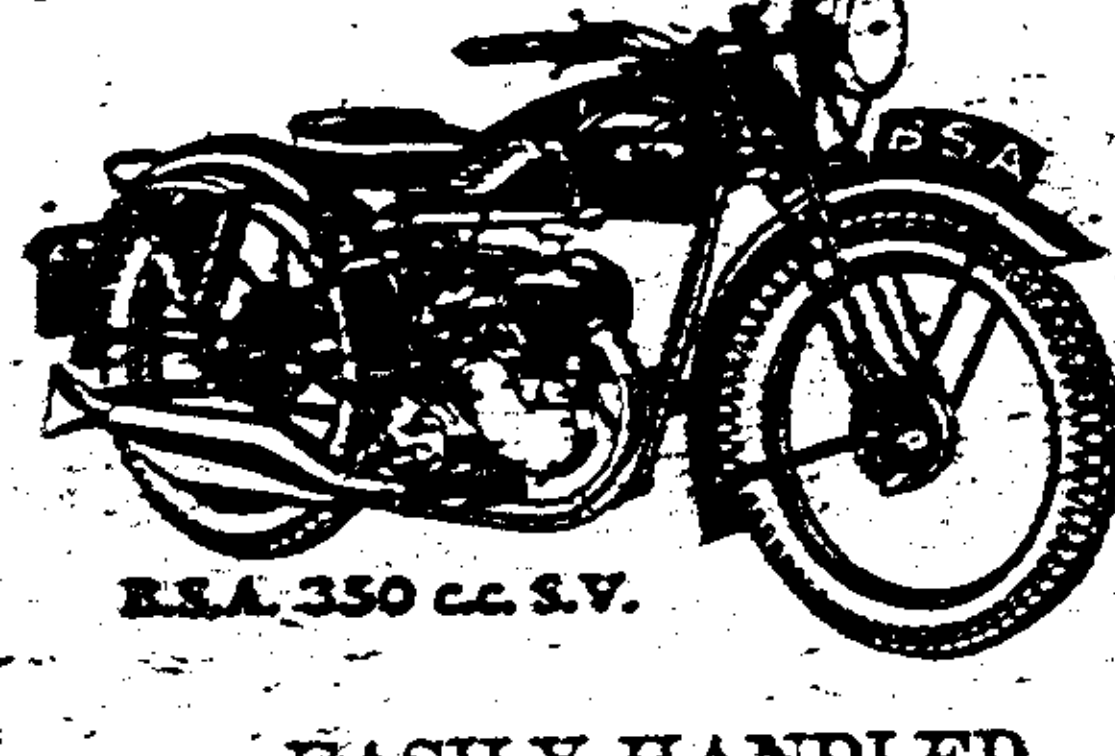
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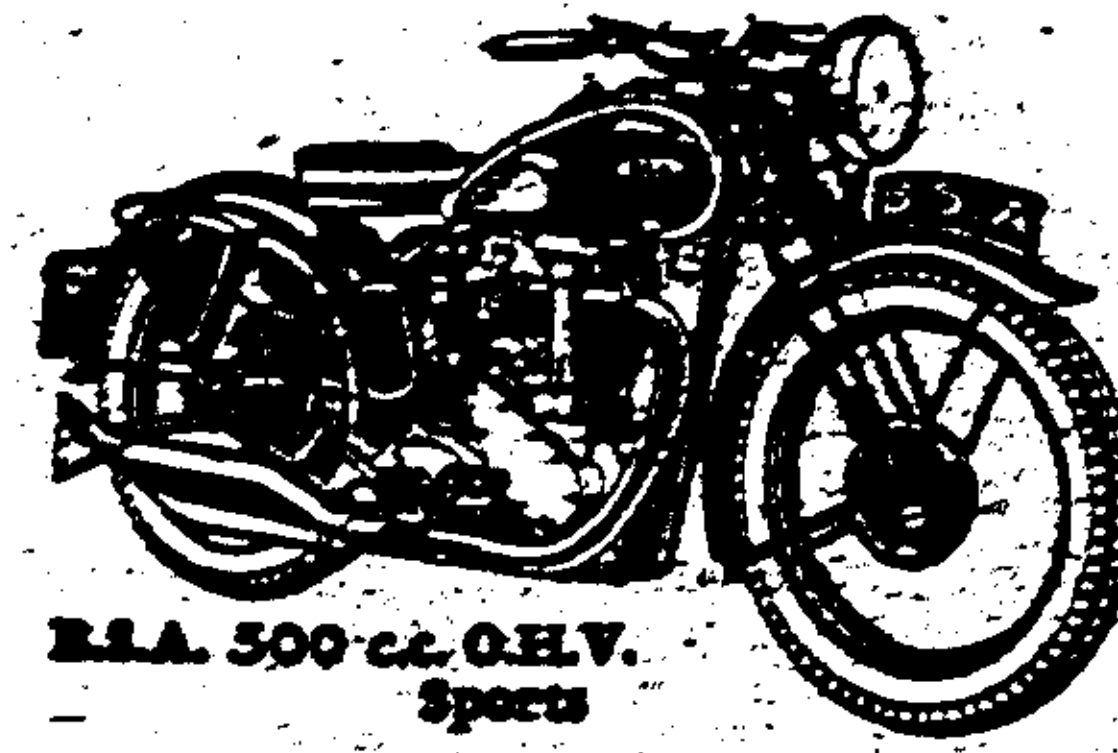
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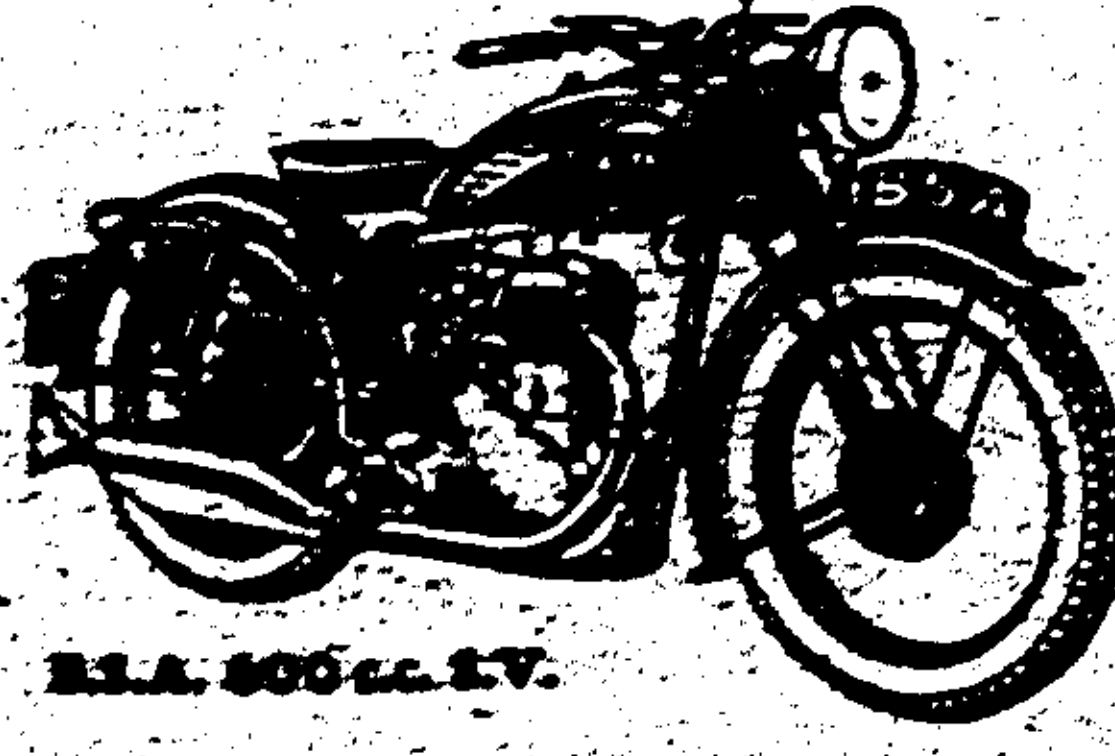
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SENATOR LEWIS PROTESTS AGAINST BRITISH VISIT

Astounding Suggestion Of Veiled "Espionage"

DEMANDS CESSATION OF SALES ABROAD OF WAR MATERIAL

Washington, To-day.

Speaking in the debate on the Navy Expansion Bill, Senator Lewis yesterday declared that unless the United States stopped selling war materials to foreign nations, she might some day find herself fighting against American-produced machines.

Senator Lewis protested against purchasing agents from Britain being permitted to "ascertain the full quality of our ability to manufacture and produce war supplies, under the guise of purchase."

High quarters emphasize that there is nothing political about the British mission, which is not seeking contacts with the State Department.

It is further emphasised that all governments purchasing air material are treated uniformly in regard to applications for export licenses.

MANY PURCHASERS

The Washington "Star" points out that France, Russia, Japan, China, Turkey and various South American nations have ordered aircraft and other war material from the United States.

The British air mission yesterday afternoon conferred with the air attache at the British Embassy regarding arrangements for a tour of aircraft factories.—Reuter.

SCHOOL TO GIVE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

Something unique in the Hong Kong musical world is to be provided on Sunday by the pupils of the American boarding school at Castle Peak, where the children of American missionaries in China have been continuing their education since their arrival in the Colony as refugees.

The school has many skilled musicians and they are to give an orchestral and band concert at No. 3, Arbuthnot Road on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. under the direction of Signor Pellegatti, the well-known cellist. Most of the performers are his pupils.

Lai Kwok-fu, the alleged assailant, was said to have been incensed by remarks of the victim about Yiu Chiu-fan, with whom Lai was living.

Mr. Gerald Sydney is to be the accompanist this evening when Mrs. R. Sanger gives her recital of "Russian Lyrics" at the ZBW Studio.

LEON DEGRELLE WINS APPEAL

Brussels, To-day.

M. Leon Degrelle, leader of the Belgian Rexist (Fascist) movement, has won his appeal against the Brussels court verdict which ordered him to pay a fine of 25,000 francs for alleged libel of the Flemish Catholic Party leader, M. Cauwelaert.

The court of appeal yesterday rescinded the fine.—Trans-Ocean.

SILENT ZONE

Mr. N. Nuta, of No. 7, Ashley Road, was this morning fined \$25 when he pleaded guilty to sounding his horn in a silent zone after midnight on April 2, to disobeying a traffic signal at Arsenal street and to failing to stop when requested by the police.

Mr. M. Pirenne, manager of the Banque Belge, has reported the loss of revenue stamps to the value of \$75 from the Bank yesterday.

British Air Mission Now In New York

New York, To-day.

The British air mission arrived in New York yesterday, and flew to Washington in the afternoon. A member of the mission stated they were probably staying for some time in the United States, after which they would proceed to Canada.

The mission is to study the problem of purchase of American fighting planes for the R.A.F.

After the arrival of the mission, Air-Commodore J. G. Weir, one of the members, stated that the mission would make a thorough canvass of United States aircraft factories to determine how many planes and what types of fighting craft could be obtained.

TO LOOK AROUND

"We have come to look around, but I suppose that if purchases are

PURGE GOES ON IN RUSSIA

Moscow, To-day.

The chief of the boat construction department of the Mercantile Commissariat of the Soviet Union has been arrested.

He is charged with systematic sabotage of ship construction in various shipbuilding yards.—Reuter.

R.A.S.C. DRIVER FINED

Driver J. Hart, of the Royal Army Service Corps, was fined \$25 for speeding in Queen's Road East, by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Saunders said defendant drove at between 25 and 30 miles an hour in the controlled area from Wanchai Mark to Arsenal Street. The lorry was allowed a speed of 15 miles.

TAIKOO TRAGEDY

Mr. G. T. Bird, of Taikoo Dock, has reported the drowning of Pau Kwai-yiu, a cook boy off the s.s. Wan Cheun. The man was fishing off the Taikoo Pier yesterday at 1 p.m. when, for some reason not known, he fell into the water.

A search was made, but the body could not be found and was probably carried away by the very strong current prevailing.

Mrs. V. E. Duclos, Mr. A. R. H. Esmail and Mr. G. H. Gompertz, of Messrs. Jardine Matheson, were this morning each fined \$5 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy when they pleaded guilty to leaving their cars over the time-limit in central car parks.

CZECH MINISTER'S STATEMENT

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

THE CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. KROFTA, MADE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT REGARDING CZECH RELATIONS WITH GERMANY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CORRESPONDENT OF "LE PETIT PARISIEN" YESTERDAY.

The Minister's statement, which was published simultaneously here and in Paris, said:

"As regards our present relations with the Reich, I wish to stress that these are absolutely normal and that current affairs are being settled to the mutual satisfaction of both countries through normal diplomatic channels.

"The Reich Government has never interfered directly in our domestic affairs, and the Reich Government adopts a perfectly correct attitude in this respect.

NOT ANTI-GERMAN

"At present there are no negotiations going on for conclusion of any pact or more general agreement."

Dr. Krofta also pointed out that the Czech Government does not want to pursue an anti-German policy.

"On the contrary, our aim is to come to a satisfactory co-operation with Germany, and to co-operate actively at the same time with Italy, the Little Entente, Hungary and France.

"Realisation of this aim, however, has become more difficult since Austria's incorporation in the Reich."—Trans-Ocean.



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THE BRICKWALL OF HSUCHOW

As issues are now joined on the Hsuehchow front, Japan has good reason to pray that she has not again miscalculated. As has been pointed out, more than the outcome of a single battle is at stake. Defeat for China in the new offensive on which the Japanese have embarked will go down as just another defeat. For Japan, defeat would be calamitous. It would be a blow from which she would never recover, except perhaps by committing herself further in China to an extent perilous in the extreme, and with the moral certainty of final defeat still mocking her armies, and by further giant strides on the road to economic as well as military collapse. It is significant that in spite of the tremendous weight of the initial blow, beneath which the Chinese armies were compelled to give ground, General Li Chung-jen's men are able to stage a violent counter-offensive, while in strategic manoeuvring, the Japanese have again and again found they have met their match.

The explanation is, largely, of course, that the Japanese are at last discovering the consequences of their extended lines of communication, subject to constant guerilla attack. The distances, from a military point of view, are staggering. Hsuehchow is 400 miles from the main bases at Tientsin and Tsingtao, over 180 miles from the secondary base, Tsinanfu, and from Nanking. The Japanese are in this action entirely dependent upon one railway, the Tientsin-Pukow, and over that they cannot claim unhampered control. Unlike the Yangtze, the Yellow River does not provide an easy waterway from the sea, though its broad flood, now rising rapidly with the melting snow, is a serious obstacle to a land army. Moreover, the Japanese have now

occupied vast areas in North China and because of the incompleteness of that "occupation," must keep a large proportion of their forces to hold down the country. It is reckoned that Japan has about 900,000 men on the continent, of which some 400,000 are held in Manchukuo in case of war with Russia. Of the rest, perhaps 300,000 are fighting in North China and about 200,000 in Central China. In the North at least 150,000 must be needed for garrison work and for the fighting which still continues in Shansi; in Central China at least 50,000 must be kept in the Yangtze valley to defend and hold the occupied territory. By this reckoning there can at most be no more than 250,000 men employed in the offensive against Hsuehchow, and it must be difficult enough to feed and supply so large a force as this. Against them there are well over 500,000 Chinese, including some of the best divisions in China and commanded by her ablest general. Hsuehchow Headquarters are not letting them suffer either shortage of supplies or of replacements. For the first time it might almost be called a fair fight, and for the first time the Chinese are more than holding their own.

There is no doubt that these events, particularly the shock of Taiherchwang, have sobered the Japanese nation. Even so long ago as January 22, when all seemed to be going smoothly, Prince Konoye warned that "far distant is the end of the conflict. We should expect," he said, "that it will be a long time before a settlement is reached. Ours is a momentous task, unparalleled in history." Recognition of this truth is reflected as Lord Elbank pointed out in his attempt to nerve the British Government to more vigorous insistence on its rights, in a more conciliatory attitude to foreign Powers at Shanghai. The Japanese Navy notwithstanding its spite outrages on defenceless passenger craft and junks, is no longer agog to launch an attack on South China, and even if it were the Army could not spare the troops. There are signs (cautiously revealed in the Japanese press) of moves to "limit" the conflict, but it is questionable whether this is now possible. Japan has been dragged on by her military leaders from a "local incident" to an invasion of North China, from North China to Shanghai, and Nanking, and finally to a major war of nation against nation in which no compromise is possible. It is a fight to a finish, with the finish far distant and yet obscure. In most wars strategy is decided by policy, but in China Japan's policy has been altered to keep pace with the course of the war. For long it was stated that Japan had no territorial ambitions in China. On March 22 Prince Konoye said that "I can at least safely say that Japan is determined not to evacuate even an inch of the territory now occupied by the Japanese forces." Japan has failed to break down China's resistance; she has failed to upset Chiang Kai-shek's Government and failed to organise her own. All China is united and determined; as the Red Army men say: "We are the fish and the people are the water through which we move." And yet Japan is resolved to conquer all China. This task is not only "unparalleled in history" but impossible; we shall see whether the grim little soldiers of Japan can achieve the impossible when first they have taken Hsuehchow.

CHINESE COUNTER STROKE SUCCEEDING

Japanese Retreating From Newly Gained Positions

VIENNA STORM TROOPS LEAVE JEWISH SHOPS

Vienna, To-day.

The Storm Troops outside Jewish shops in the centre of Vienna were withdrawn yesterday, but the boycott of many Jewish cafes continues, only non-Aryans being allowed to enter.

Storm Troops entered Vienna University and forced all Jewish students to leave, while a decree was announced yesterday limiting the percentage of Jewish students in Austrian universities to 2 per cent.

The schilling officially ceases to be the currency of Austria to-day (Tuesday).—Reuter.

Pih sien Defenders Repulse All Attacks

Hankow, To-day.

Two Chinese columns operating north-east of Taotun and Howan, villages north-east of Taierschwang, working in close co-operation after receiving newly arrived reinforcements, launched an attack yesterday on the Japanese positions north-east of Taierschwang, making considerable progress, according to a Chinese military communique.

The Japanese forces attacking Pih sien, were repulsed by the Chinese at Lienpanshan, north of Pih sien. Meanwhile, the Chinese Command is rushing reinforcements to Pih sien.

ANOTHER JUNK BARBARITY

Another barbarous outrage against a Hong Kong junk was reported this morning by Leung Tai-ki, master of a junk registered at Aberdeen.

The incident occurred on April 20 about 200 yards off Ho Chak Hoi.

After a Japanese warship loomed up, a motorboat containing thirty men put out and boarded the junk, cutting the sails and throwing the crew overboard. The master's 5-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter, were also thrown into the sea, and both were drowned.

The master found a spar and kept afloat a day and a night when he was picked up by a fishing boat and brought into Shamshui.

He saw his junk destroyed by fire.

JAPAN FEELS WAR PINCH

Foreigner Says Taxes, Living Costs Up

Reflecting hard times now being experienced by the Japanese public at home is the fact that such noted artists as Grace Moore, Pablo Casals, Tito Schipa and Alfred Cirtis, scheduled to appear in Japan this year, have had their tours cancelled. This is according to a Shanghai foreign resident who has just returned after a few weeks spent in Japan.

The public not only lacks the money to spend on high class entertainment, of which it is usually quite fond, but the severe restrictions imposed upon the people by the military would make it impossible for the artists' tour managers to take in enough cash at the gate to pay expenses, said the foreigner. Several other effects that the war is having on Japanese national life were related by the returning Shanghai resident. Some of the major points he mentioned follow:

HEAVY SALES TAXES

Heavy sales taxes, which are something new in the life of the average Japanese consumer, have brought about a general decline in business. Furs, cameras, pearls, watches, perfumes and other items of luxury are not being purchased by Japanese women or their men friends.

Japanese savings banks report a decline in clients' accounts. Money that would ordinarily go into savings is going into the war chest. One feature of the depression has been an increase in installment buying, formerly not widespread in Japan.

High clothing prices, it is stated, have made the purchase of even these necessities on a monthly payment plan almost necessary.

Money for musical instruments is no longer available in the average Japanese family. Funds formerly spent for this purpose are going into the war chest. One source re-

ported that phonograph production in one factory dropped from 10,000 a month to 1,000 machines. Record sales are said to be off 50 per cent.

Official figures, it is further reported, show an increase of 50 per cent in living costs since the Manchurian affair in 1931. Increases in the past year are said to account for more than 35 per cent of this rise. Incomes, however, have remained practically the same, or if one considers increased taxation, they are less.

INCOME TAXES UP

Income taxes have jumped from 20 per cent for clerks and minor employees to 40 per cent for company managers, it was stated. Tax-natives are said to carry a Japanese flag as a means of emphasizing that the amount due is for patriotic use, and that the recipient of the notice must not shirk in paying up.

Make-up, lipstick, cosmetics and permanent waves are considered by the authorities, both police and military, as being menacing to the war spirit. It is stated that an actual ban or severe restrictions are being considered on beauty salons along with the abolition of dance halls. Beauty culture adopted from European and American methods is said to be officially disliked.

One of the most important reactions of the war in Japan, continued the returned visitor, is the prospective decline in national nourishment. This prospect has already caused the newly created Ministry of Health to mobilize its forces in creating measures to fight an increase in venereal disease and tuberculosis.

And, as a means of preventing a decline in the nourishment of children, a special committee is said to be shortly launching a movement for rationing of food during the emergency.

The north bank of the Yellow River in Honan has been cleared of Japanese troops following Chinese occupation of Hsinfeng, Nanlo, Menhsien and Wenhsien, except for 2,000 Japanese at Feng-chiu, opposite Kaifeng.

In Shansi, the Chinese forces attacked Antse, east of Jungtung, on the Tatung-Puchow Railway, wiping out one Japanese detachment and seizing large quantities of ammunition.

TAIHU FIGHTING

Severe fighting is going on in the Wuhsin-Chanhsin sector, on the western shore of Taihu Lake, when Japanese forces, after receiving 2,000 reinforcements, launched five attacks on the Chinese positions, which the Chinese communique states were successfully repulsed.—Reuter.

BUDGET DAY FOR SIR JOHN SIMON

London, To-day.

This afternoon, shortly before four o'clock in the House of Commons, Sir John Simon will open his first budget. Last evening a special Cabinet meeting was held at which the Chancellor disclosed his proposals to his colleagues.—British Wireless.

INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE H.Q. CHANGES HOME

MADRID, TO-DAY.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE AT ALBACETE WAS DISSOLVED YESTERDAY.

H.Q. had been stationed at Albacete since 1936.

All recruits undergoing training in the town, and the entire technical administrative apparatus, has left for an unknown destination.

Dissolution of the H.Q. staff has obviously been due to the changed situation arising from the splitting in two of Government Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

LUCKNOW RIOTS

London, To-day.

Several persons were killed and 80 seriously wounded in religious riots between Hindus and Mohammedans at Lucknow, India.

The police finally succeeded in restoring order.—Trans-Ocean.

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Republicans Recover From Recent Collapse

London, To-day.

While Spanish insurgent headquarters at Saragossa claims that with the improvement in the weather, the insurgents are continuing north-eastward to Teruel and along the Mediterranean coast of Castellon to de la Planda, the Republicans are stated to have recovered from the recent collapse, and are holding their ground everywhere.

The Republican positions on the eastern front along the Ebro, Segre and other rivers and mountains, are reported to be held by spirited troops under confident commanders.

They are pressing on with re-organisation and fortifications, in some cases miles from the front, to ensure against further surprises.

Behind the Republican lines confidence is reviving in spite of Barcelona's completely darkened streets, due to the insurgents' capture of the Tremp power station.—Reuter.

PYRENEES TABLES TURNED

Madrid, To-day.

A republican bulletin states that during the last few days the Republican troops occupied several enemy positions on Mount Tahus, in the Pyrenees. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

Supported by tanks and planes the enemy attempted to attack in the Montalban sector on Sunday. Fighting is now going on for the possession of Aliaga. A similar attack was made on the Republican positions near Molino, where the enemy succeeded in occupying several heights, a number of which were immediately recaptured by the Republicans.

In the Salsadella sector the Republicans captured La Solana and several hills near Mount Encane.

CERRO CORDO RETAKEN

The enemy's counter-attack was repulsed and the enemy lost 100 dead and a large quantity of war material. Following the capture of Cerro Cordo by Republicans on Sunday the enemy left 100 rifles, five light and five heavy machine-guns and 100 dead.

In the coastal sector, the enemy exerted pressure along the great road and advanced to the first houses of Alcala de Chivert, where the Republicans started a counter-attack.—Trans-Ocean.

Salamanca, To-day.

The Insurgent army communique reports that the Insurgent troops on

the Pyrenean front consolidated their lines, capturing Bastus and San Roma de Abella.

In Larvosi the insurgents occupied important positions and in Castellon, in the Peniscola sector, they advanced between three and four kilometres on the eight kilometres front, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and capturing 161 prisoners and a large quantity of war material.—Trans-Ocean.

HORE-BELISHA HOME AGAIN

London, To-day.

The British Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, arrived in London from Paris yesterday morning.

Mr. Hore-Belisha is reporting to the Cabinet on his tour of inspection of the defences of Malta, his visit to Rome and his conversation with the French Premier, M. Daladier, and Chief of Staff, General Gamelin.—Reuter.

FORMER CZECH PREMIER PASSES

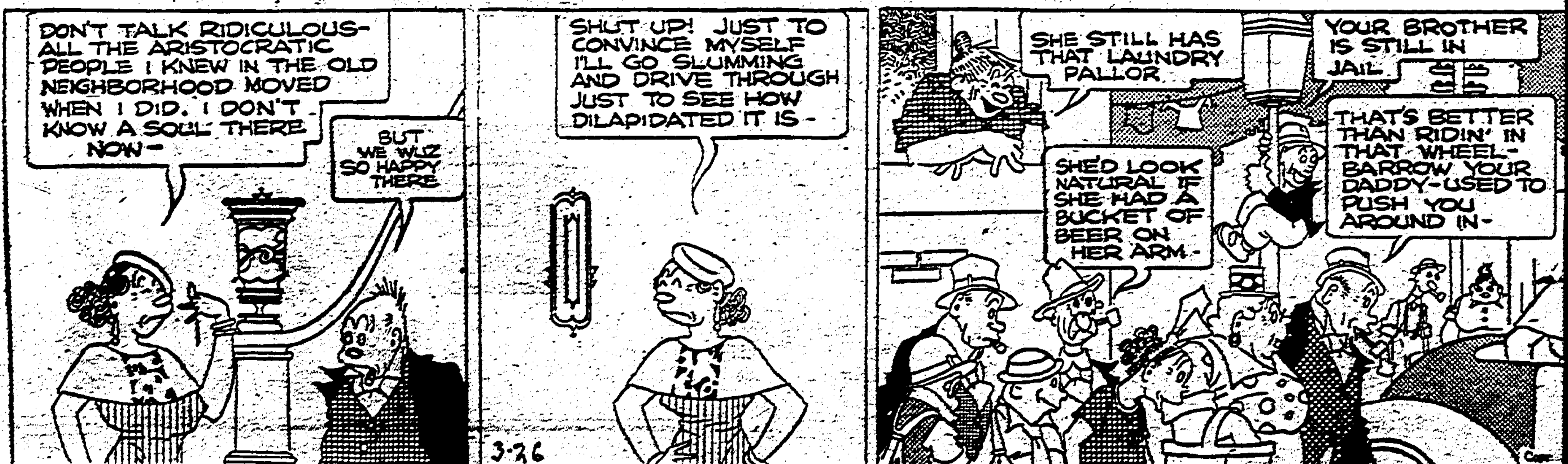
Prague, To-day.

The death is announced of the former Czechoslovak Premier, M. Udrzall.

M. Udrzall, who was elected for the first time to the Austrian Parliament in 1897, became first Minister of Defence in the new Czechoslovakian state in 1918.

He was Premier in 1929 and held office until 1932, when he resigned following the parliamentary elections.—Trans-Ocean.

Bringing Up Father



By G



not enough Territorial Army Units in London to accept all the men wishing to join, and as a result the War Office on April 11 opened an information bureau in the Horse Guards Parade, London, where men wishing to join the Territorials can ascertain where their services will be required. As members of the Women's Emergency Service, the Women's brigade which has been formed to help as motor car drivers in the case of a national emergency. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

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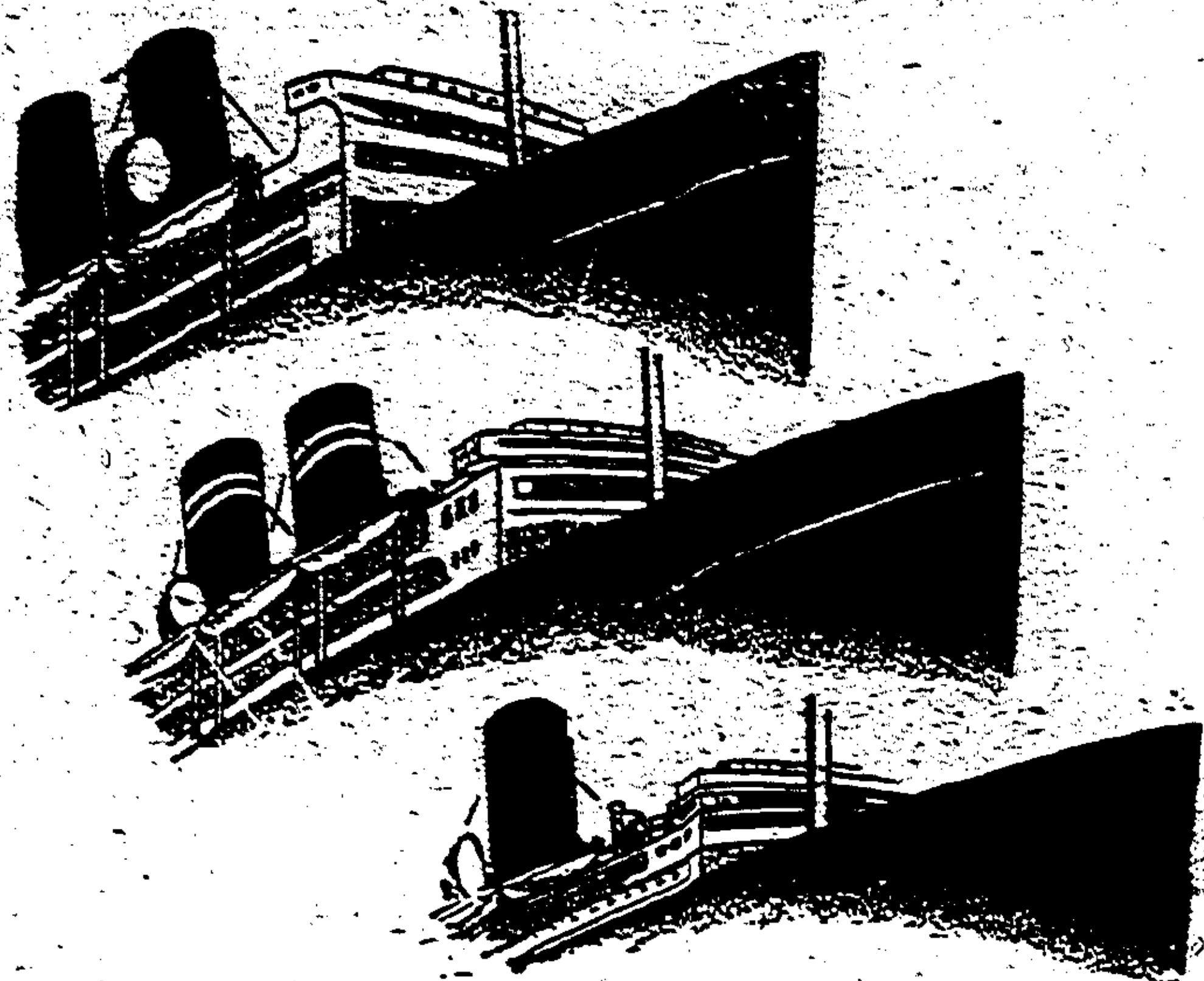
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Saigon	Felix Roussel	April 26.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th April	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 21st April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 27.
Swatow	Hoihow	April 27.
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Wednesday		
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Swatow, Amoy and (Foochow via Amoy)	Anhui	April 27, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 27, 3.30 a.m.
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	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., April 28, 5 p.m.
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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 5th May	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 28, 6 a.m.
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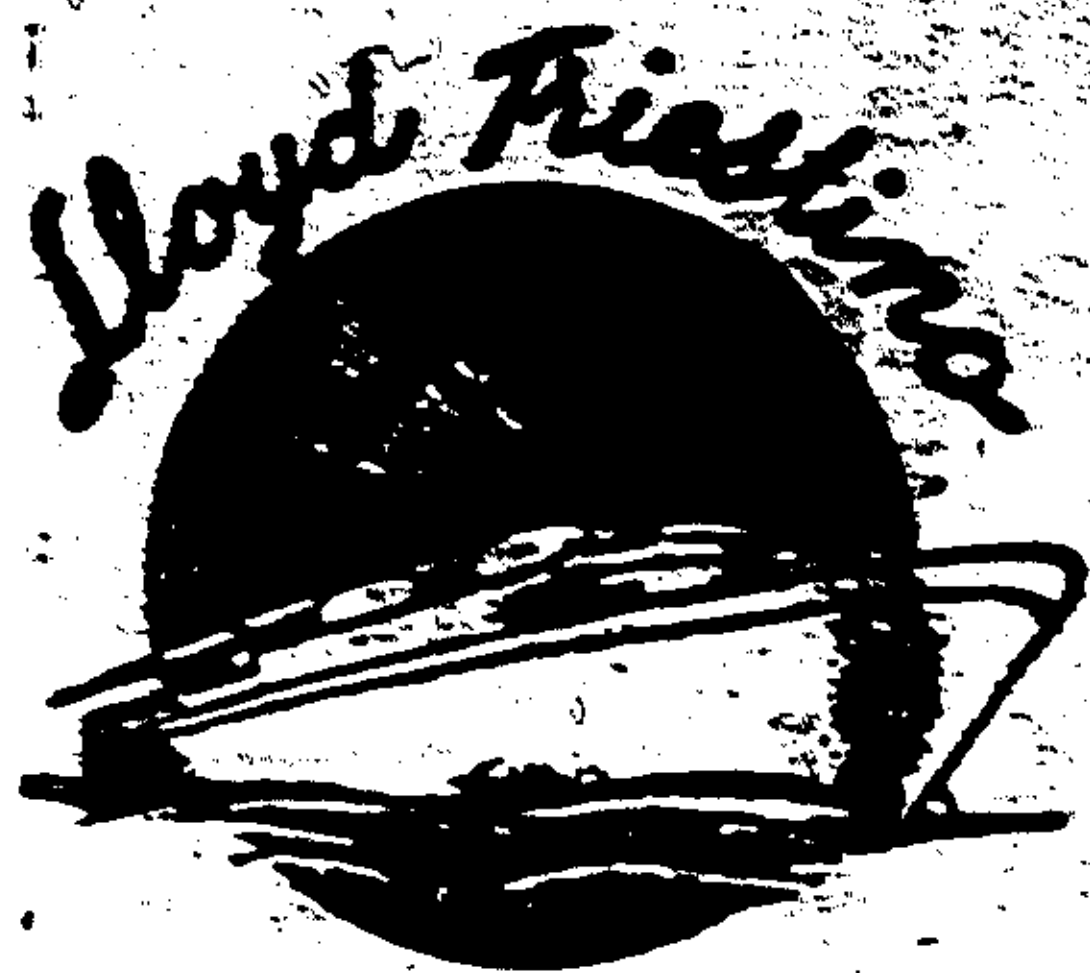
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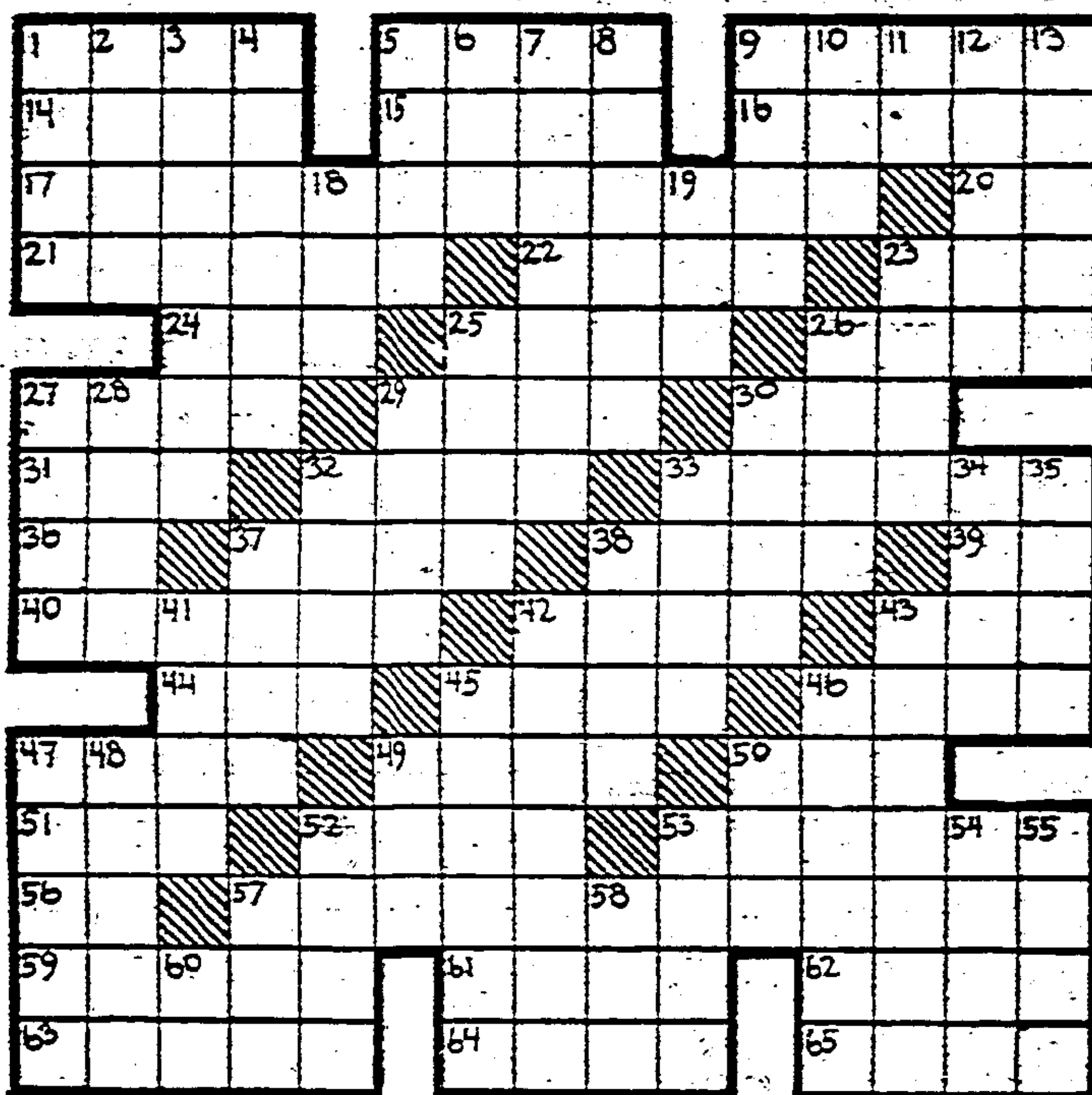
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9—Rent
14—Surface
15—Pen-name of Charles Lamb
16—Islands (Poet.)
17—A transfer from one language to another (pl.)
20—A province of Canada (abbr.)
21—Consider
22—Corner
23—Garden implement
24—Sick
25—Prophet
26—Char
27—Greek god of war
29—Dentist's drill
30—Enclosure
31—Mariner
32—Agitates
23—Raved
36—Conjunction
37—Fine dress material
38—Misplaced
39—Six
40—Intellectual
42—Part of a plant
43—Wild (Scott.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44—Consume
45—Dispatch
46—A coin
47—Dread
49—Rant
50—Salt (Lat.)
51—A rodent
52—A tropical fruit
53—A flower (pl.)
56—Because
57—Confusion
59—Affray
61—River in Russia
62—A cry of Bacchanals
63—The natural fat
64—Broad smile
65—Recline

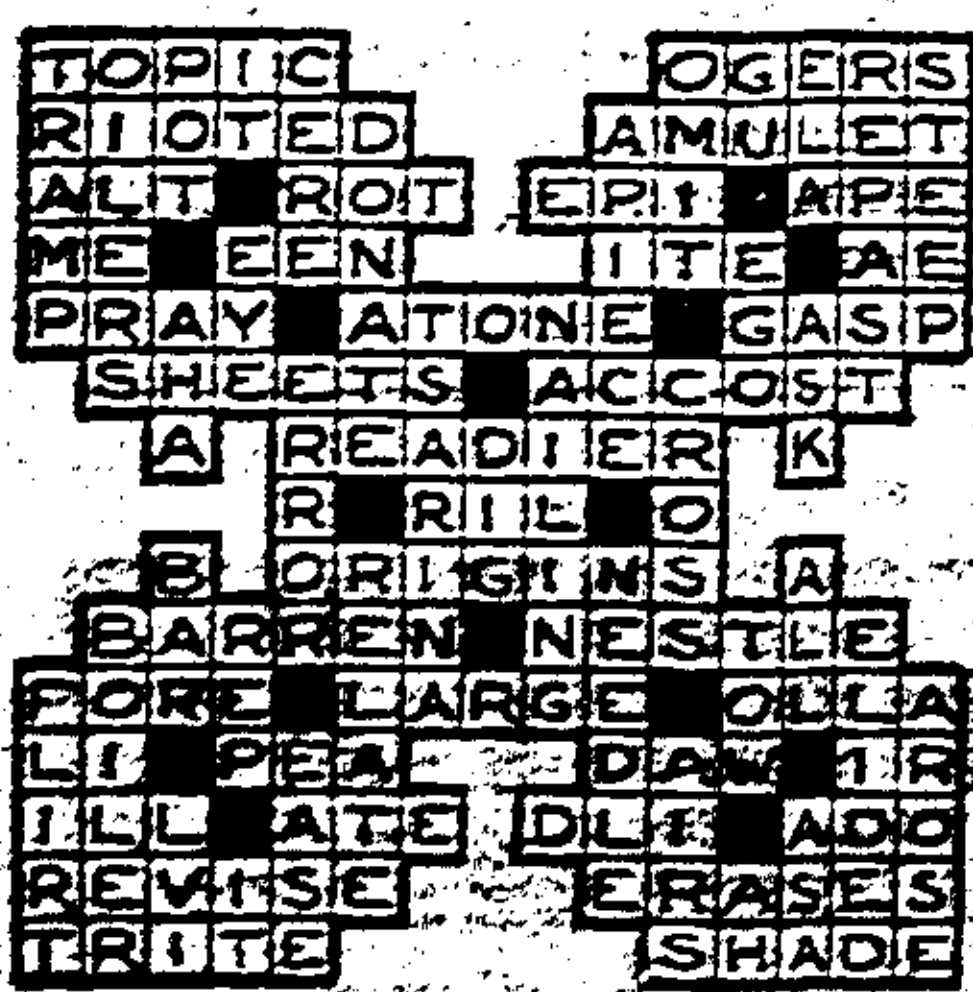
VERTICAL

- 1—Abhor
2—Makes a mistake
3—More nourishing
4—Pictures on wood
5—Tiller
6—The armpit
7—Clutters
8—More beautiful
9—Row
10—A letter
11—Man's name (abbr.)
12—A title (Sp.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Prussian city
18—Select (abbr.)
19—Over (contr.)
23—Search
25—Submerged in water
26—Twisted
27—Small particle
28—Scarce
29—Sphere
30—Gone by
32—A decree
33—A land measure
34—Equal
35—Course of food
37—Chief actor
38—Solitary
41—Dapper
42—Merry maker
43—Alleviate
45—Satisfying
46—Quieter
47—Mood
48—Relieves
49—Uncooked
50—A title
52—Wild animal
53—Spare
54—Man's name
55—Let stand (Prints)
57—An insect
58—Five hundred (abbr.)
60—An army title (abbr.)

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Duce, Facing Widespread Revolt, Wants British Loan

By VERNON BARTLETT

There is one very good reason why the Italian Government has been in such a hurry to obtain British recognition of its ownership of Abyssinia.

Its difficulties there are increasing, and the knowledge that other nations had acquiesced in their disappearance from the map might discourage the leaders of the Abyssinian revolts. Still better, recognition by Great Britain if Italy's enlarged African Empire might be followed by a loan for its development.

Only the desperate need for help in dealing with the Abyssinians could explain the Italian promise to withdraw from Spain. That, at any rate, is the opinion of those observers who do not believe that Signor Mussolini is so frightened by the appearance of German troops on the Brenner that he is willing to reverse the foreign policy he has pursued since 1935.

"GAINING GROUND"

The Abyssinians have been gaining ground, particularly in the west. The province of Gojam is said to have freed itself almost entirely of Italian troops, and a recent reported Italian offer of autonomy is dictated by the sternest necessity.

Trouble in this area is particularly important because Lake Tana, from which flow the waters of the Nile, borders on Gojam, and Lake Tana is one of the subjects of discussion in the Anglo-Italian talks.

Many natives of Gojam received Italian military training in Libya, were enlisted in the Eritrean armies that invaded Abyssinia, and have now deserted and returned to their own people. Their training makes them formidable adversaries for the Italians who gave it to them.

GARRISONS WITHDRAWN

In the south-west there have been serious revolts at Bako, Gimma, Kafa, and Gurafarda. The Italian garrisons have had to be withdrawn from the three last-named places.

Even in the centre the Italians are unable to ensure order. The main road from Asmara, capital of Eritrea, to Addis Ababa, has been cut several times, notably at Quorum, where the Emperor made his last stand against the invaders.

In the South-East the work of "pacification" has been relatively successful, mainly owing to the Anglo-Italian agreement of January, 1937, which allows the Italians to import materials through the port of Berbera, British Somaliland, in return for permission for the Somaliland tribesmen to graze their flocks on the Abyssinian side of the frontier.

There are in all five Abyssinian armies, quite apart from vagrant bands. It may be asserted that their resistance has never been better organised than at present. Time after time Italian detachments are surrounded and only occasionally do they manage to fight their way out.

ACTION AT GENEVA

Aeroplanes are sent to drop them food and Maria Theresa silver dollars—a rarity now that paper lire

have become the official currency—with which they can try to bribe their captors.

A further indication of Italian difficulties is the fact that many of the colonists who arrived in Abyssinia with such high hopes after the war have had to return to their homeland. This is due partly to the unsettled state of the country, but, above all, to the very strict restrictions on the import of goods even from Italy.

It is in these uncertain conditions that the British Government, in return for an Italian promise to withdraw troops from Spain at an unspecified date, proposes to take action at the League Council meeting next month in favour of the general recognition of Italy as the rightful owner of Abyssinia.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1545 sa.
 Bank of East Asia \$37 b.

INSURANCES

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 Union Ins. \$522½ b., \$522½/5 sa.

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ORGANISED PLANS BY JAPANESE TO CONTROL SHANGHAI INDUSTRY

Organised plans by newly-formed Japanese firms to gain control of local industry were discerned by Chinese manufacturers in Shanghai, when it was revealed that a leading cotton-mill owner had been approached by a syndicate with offers of a "co-operative" scheme to resume operations in a Wayside plant which has been idle since the outbreak of hostilities.

Operation of mills or any other factories by Chinese companies in the closed eastern areas would not be permitted, the Chinese mill-owner was informed by the representative of the Syndicate, but, it was pointed out, Japanese firms registered with the Japanese Consul-General were permitted to operate. Protection for the mill and care of its valuable machinery were promised by the syndicate while the present conditions existed, and it was declared that when circumstances permitted, the Japanese firm would be willing to enter into a new agreement with the owners.

Although it is now some time since the Japanese authorities invited Chinese residents, and presumably, manufacturers, to return to their businesses in the "pacified" areas, and issued instructions that passes could be obtained for this purpose through a body known as the Shanghai Citizens' Association, a canvas of numerous concerns which had made applications for entry showed that no permits had yet been issued for a resumption of work in factories in occupied areas.

SLOW "STARVATION"

Refusing, for obvious reasons, to give permission for his name to be published, one Chinese mill-owner asserted that so far as could be seen, the intention of the Japanese authorities was gradually to starve

Chinese industrialists and property owners out of the eastern area and other occupied zones. Valuable machinery was suffering immense and costly damage through lack of attention and buildings were also losing value through neglect. If the present conditions were imposed for much longer, he declared, his mills would be beyond repair and it would be impossible to operate them.

The mills, which had been occupied by both Chinese and Japanese forces at various times, are now unoccupied and have been for some time, he said. They are in a state of great disrepair.

SILK FIRMS BUSY

Other activities of Japanese industrialists are being reported daily in the vernacular press. According to the "Ta Mei Wan Pao," representatives of Japanese silk filatures, who arrived in Shanghai recently from Japan, are investigating silk producing conditions, including the plantation of mulberry trees, in Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces. It is reported findings of these representatives will be used for the drafting of a plan to control the Chinese silk industry.

Improved silkworm eggs will be distributed to the farmers and silk filatures will be established in the near future by the Japanese interests. Chinese silk filatures in Hongkew and Chapei, damaged during the hostilities, will be repaired and reopened by these Japanese interests, and cocoons stored in Hongkew and Chapei and reported to have been confiscated. These cocoons will be distributed to the filatures, when they are ready for operation.

BIG INDUSTRY

It may be recalled that in the prosperous years, China had a total of 280 silk filatures with a total of 100,000 reeling machines, of which Shanghai alone had 113 filatures. After the withdrawal of Chinese troops from the surroundings of Shanghai, only three silk filatures located in the International Settlement and the French Concession of Shanghai resumed operations. They are the Ewo, the Hungfoong and the Foofo filatures, with a total of 1,044 reeling machines.

Recently six new silk filatures have been established in the extra Settlement roads in West Shanghai.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-7/8 and forward at 18-11/16.

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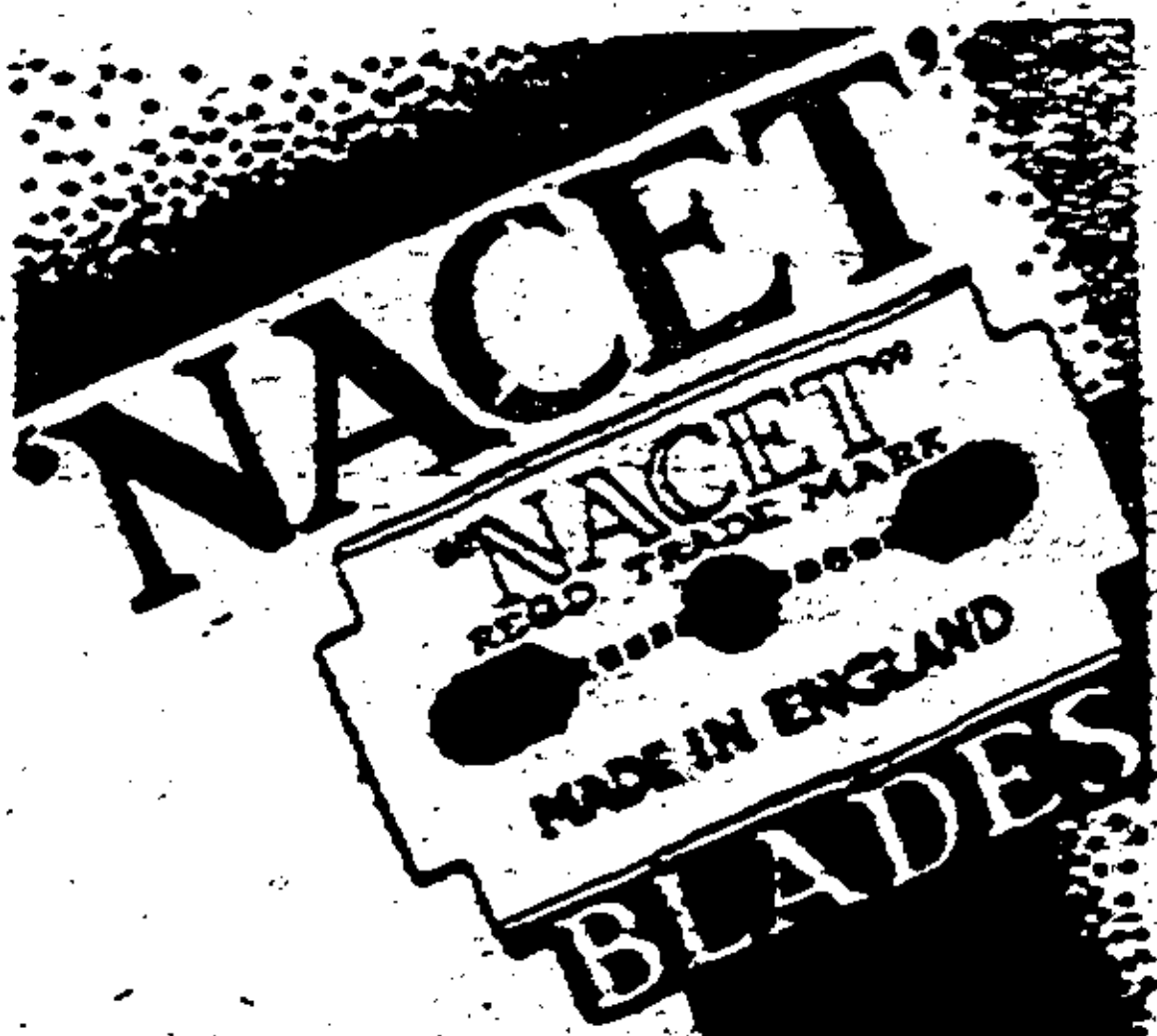
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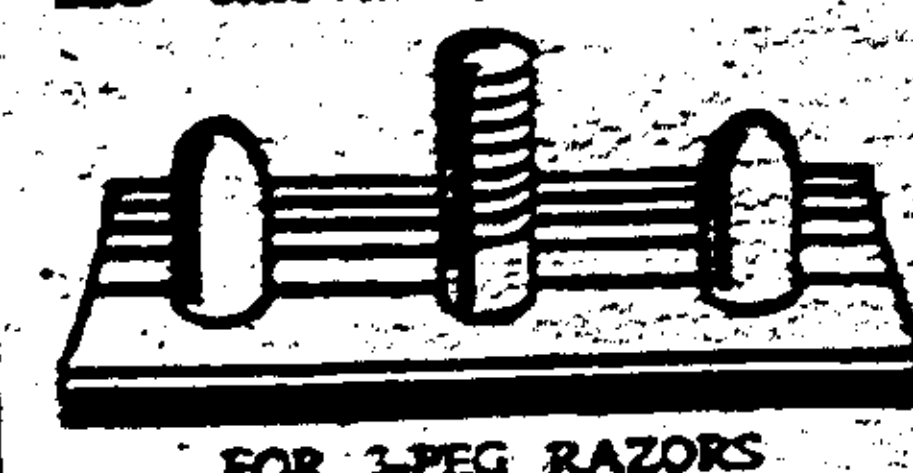
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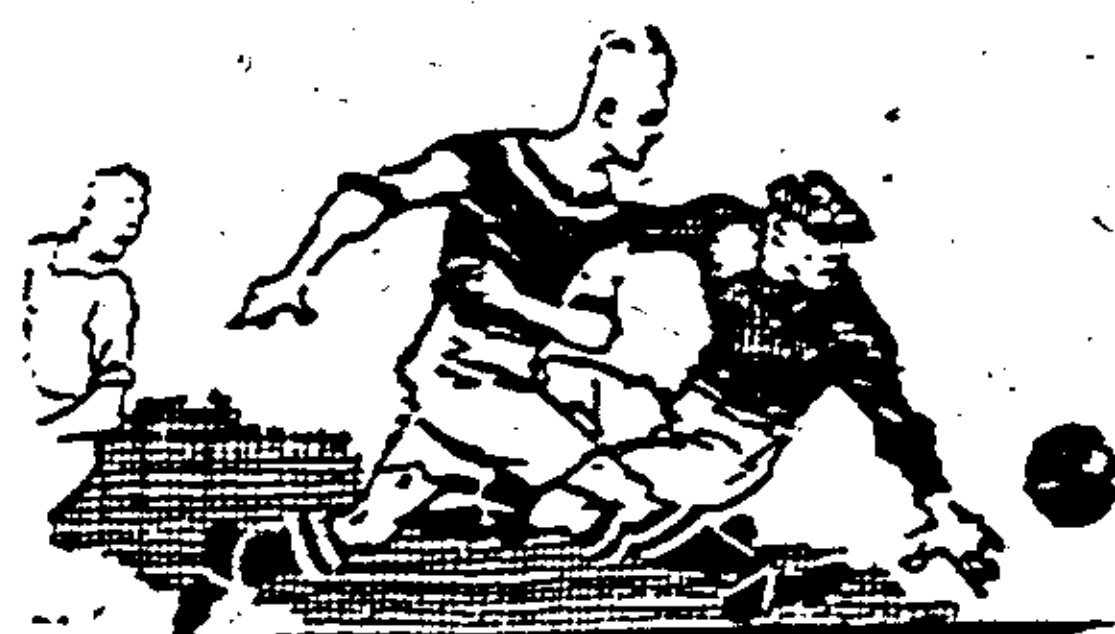
C. W. Lyle, well-known Hong Kong Rugby player and Macao hockey player and umpire, is expected to return to Malaya within a month's time. Lyle is a Malayan Civil Service Cadet who has been studying in Macao. He recently umpired the Inter-port hockey match between Hong Kong and Macao and during the past Rugby season played for Club against Navy and Army in the Triangular Tournament.

V. V. Needa, well-known Shanghai jockey, has been suffering from tonsillitis and so did not participate in the second day's racing of the Easter Race programme. He informs me that he will be going into hospital shortly to have his tonsils taken out.

Arthur May informed me during the week that he is definitely finished regarding competitive swimming and will not be participating in even friendly water-polo games.

European Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Section have three fairly good lady table-tennis players, all of whom were seen in action last Wednesday evening. They are Mrs. W. J. Skinner, who is as good as many of the players in the men's team, Miss G. Smedley and Mrs. Curtis.

"Y" have so far enjoyed a fine season, but, owing to the approach of the hot weather, it is doubtful if many more matches against other clubs will be arranged.



FOOTBALL REFEREES' MEETING

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, at its last meeting of the season in Holland House, last night, approved a proposal that the Extraordinary General Meeting be held on September 12.

In the absence of Mr. T. G. Stokes, the Chairman, Mr. G. Finch presided, assisted by the Secretary, Mr. D. Kossick.

Mr. E. D. Smith was recommended to take the place of Mr. Kossick who, it is understood, will be leaving the Colony on a long holiday after September.

It was decided at the meeting that the Press be approached for a football game with the Hong Kong Referees on May 8.

PALACE LOSE IN HOLLAND

Rotterdam, March 24. — Crystal Palace were beaten by a Dutch National XI here to-day by 3 goals to 2. As the match was a trial for the Dutch team to meet Belgium the English side did very well.

WILMER HINES TURNS PROFESSIONAL

Charleston, March 30. — Wilmer Hines, the American tennis player, has turned professional and has taken up the post of professional to the Charleston Tennis Club. Hines was ranked as America's No. 9 singles player a couple of years ago. Since then, however, he has been engaged in film work and has played little tennis. He was co-captain for two years with Betsy Grant, of the University of North Carolina tennis team.

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BENJAMIN H. BARNETT (VICTORIA)

Became Victoria's wicket-keeper on the retirement of J. L. Ellis and has steadily improved as a glove exponent.

Barnett was understudy to W. A. Oldfield, in England, in 1934, and did not appear in a Test. He met the same fate in South Africa, in 1935-36.

Upon Fleetwood-Smith's appearance in the Test series against Allen's team, in 1936-37, it was urged that he should displace Oldfield on the grounds that he could "take" that unorthodox left-hander better.

Barnett has another attribute. He is a forceful left-hand batsman who has already scored more than 1,200 runs for his State with a highest score of 94.

In 23 innings in England, in 1934, he scored 573 first-class runs at an average of 33.70. His keeping has steadily improved and his actions behind the stumps are invariably neat. Born May 23, 1908.

W. A. BROWN (QUEENSLAND)

To make two Test centuries on his first tour of England (in 1934) was the distinction of Billy Brown, the graceful, right-handed, straight-bladed stylist, of whom it was predicted that he would be an opener for Australia for many years to come.

On that tour he made 1,392 runs, (five centuries), at an average of 37.62. Again in South Africa, in 1935-36, he was a magnificent opener with Fingleton and passed the 1,000 mark on tour.

On his return he accepted a business appointment in Queensland, sponsored by the Queensland Cricket Association. The change of States from New South Wales, has not proved beneficial.

Brown was selected for the first Test against G. O. Allen's team, but an injured hand prevented him from playing. He appeared in the third and fourth Tests of that series, but in four innings made only 95 runs.

In the current season he has been disappointing. Perhaps the cares of captaincy of Queensland's weak team have militated against his earlier consistency.

Several times after seeming to have comfortably settled down he has lost his wicket unexpectedly.

He atoned by a splendid fighting second innings century against Bradman's South Australians, in Adelaide, last Christmas. A few seasons ago Brown's weakness was the glance. He remedied that and has a fine repertoire of strokes. A safe and, at times, brilliant outfield. Born July 31, 1912.

NEW COMMITTEE WITH NEW IDEAS

YOUNG SWIMMERS MUST BE COACHED

(By "CRAWL")

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section, at their recent annual swimming meeting, elected an entirely new body to organise swimming galas during the forthcoming season.

What has been sadly needed in the past has been new ideas, and although four of the new committee are not competitive swimmers in the strict meaning of the word, they are, however, capable of organising and introducing new swimming events.

They will have, of course, the advice of former members of the Swimming Committee on any technical matters, such as timing and handicapping.

It was also decided at the meeting that efforts be made to revive water-polo, and that W. F. Kerr should again be elected captain and that F. Ashford be made water-polo match secretary.

Two days a week, and probably Sunday mornings between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, are likely to be reserved for practice.

BOYS' SWIMMING HOURS

It was also suggested by a former member of the Committee that boy members between the age of 12 and 16 be allowed to swim in the evenings with senior members, it being pointed out that any promising junior swimmer would be taken in hand immediately and also taught to play water-polo. It was revealed that this would have come into force last year had not several objections been made by non-competitive senior members!

Water-polo practice will commence as soon as possible and it is hoped to stage the first gala and water-polo match sometime in the beginning of June.

H.K.V.D.C. RIFLE MEETING

A.A. Coy. Triumph In Blake Shield

The Volunteers' Rifle Meeting was held at the Kowloon City Ranges last Sunday. Shooting began shortly after 9 o'clock under ideal conditions, excellent visibility and a cool steady wind. The first hour was reserved for practice shots and the egg pool competition proved very popular and profitable for the winners, a dividend of over three dollars being paid.

At 10 o'clock the Corps Championship began on A Range, together with the principal team event, the Blake Shield Competition, which is shot for concurrently with the individual event. The Francis Cup was competed for on B Range at the same time. The conclusion of the morning's shooting found No. 2 (Scottish) M. G. Company winners of the Francis Cup, with the A.A. Company and No. 3 M. G. Company close on their heels, while the Portuguese were also doing very well in the individual events. Tiffin was served in the H.K.R.A. Club-room, kindly lent for the occasion.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Rain delayed the start in the afternoon. The remainder of the events were fired under distinctly adverse conditions, the heavy rain rendering visibility at 500 yards difficult. Under the circumstances, the A.A. Company put up a remarkably fine performance, winning the Blake Shield easily, with a lead of more than 50 points over their nearest opponents.

They also secured the first two places in the Musketry Competition and all three in the Corps Championship, L/Cpl. Ribeiro finishing with a very fine score, considering the weather conditions.

The "B" Class went to Pte. Stott of the Armoured Car Company and the "C" Class to Pte. Watts of No. 1 M. G. Company. The Revolver Competition was won by Pipe-Major Mackie with a score which will stand as a record for some considerable time.

THE RESULTS

The results were as follows: Blake Shield.—1, A. A. Company (Sgt. Baleros, L/Cpl. Xavier, L/Cpl. Ribeiro, L/Cpl. D'Aquino), 343 points; 2, No. 2 M. G. Coy (Major Forsyth, Lt. Brown, Pipe-Major Mackie, Piper Watson), 292 points; 3, No. 1 M. G. Coy (Captain Owen-Hughes, Lt. Holmes, Pte. Oliphant, Pte. Hammond), 288 points; 4, A. A. Company "B" 282; 5, No. 5 Company 269; 6, Armoured Car "B" 241.

"C" Class.—Armoured Car Coy. (Ptes. Thom, Gibson, Beeken, Tocker).

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Twenty five teams competed. Francis Cup.—1, No. 2 M. G. Coy (Major Forsyth, Lt. Brown, Pipe-Major Mackie, Piper Watson), 136 points; 2, A. A. Company (Sgt. Baleros, L/Cpl. Xavier, L/Cpl. Ribeiro, L/Cpl. D'Aquino), 132 points; 3, No. 3 Company (Captain Urquhart, Sgt. White, Cpl. Quah, Cpl. Rowe), 132 points; 4, No. 1 Company "B", 116 points; 5, No. 1 Company "A", 115 points.

"C" Class.—1, No. 5 M. G. Coy (Ptes. Alves, Silva, Taveres, Basto), 91 points.

Twenty-six teams competed. Falling Plate Competition.—1, No. 2 M. G. Coy (Major Forsyth, Lt. Brown, Pipe-Major Mackie, Piper Watson), 13; 2, No. 5 M. G. Coy (Lt. D'Almada, Lt. Ribeiro, C.S.M. Baptista, Sgt. Remedios), 12; 3, A. A. Company, 10.

Twenty-two teams competed. Corps Championship.—1, L/Cpl. Ribeiro (A. A. Coy), 91; 2, Sgt. Baleros (A. A. Coy), 88; 3, L/Cpl. D'Aquino (A. A. Coy), 83; 4, Captain Stewart (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 87; 5, Lt. Brown (No. 2 M. G. Coy), 85; 6, Pte. Silva (A. A. Coy), 85; 7, Lt. Holmes (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 82; 8, Sgt. Schnabel (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 80; 9, Lt. Ribeiro (No. 5 M. G. Coy), 78; 10, Cpl. Quah (No. 3 M. G. Coy), 77; 11, Cpl. Austin (A. Car Coy), 77.

"B" Class.—1, Pte. Stott (A. Car Coy), 83; 2, L/Cpl. Swan (No. 2 M. G. Coy), 76; 3, Gnr. Davis (2nd Battery), 65.

"C" Class.—1, Pte. Watts (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 68; 2, Pte. Alves (No. 5 M. G. Coy), 65; 3, Pte. Gibson (A. Car Coy), 58.

There were 110 entries. Musketry Competition.—1, Sgt. Baleros (A. A. Coy), 71; 2, Pte. Silva (A. A. Coy), 70; 3, Cpl. Quah (No. 3 M. G. Coy), 68; 4, Capt. Stewart (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 67; 5, Lt. Holmes (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 66; 6, L/Cpl. Ribeiro (A. A. Coy), 66; 7, L/Cpl. Ribeiro (A. A. Coy), 66; 8, Lt. Brown (No. 2 M. G. Coy), 64; 9, Sgt. Schnabel (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 62.

"B" Class.—1, L/Cpl. Redman (No. 2 M. G. Coy), 62.

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TRIALS FOR SIX DAVIS CUP PROBABLES

HARROGATE VENUE OF MATCH AGAINST THE RUMANIANS?

What Candidates Can "Rise To" Is What Counts

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, March 29.

ALL but two of the nations entered for the European zone of the Davis Cup are now building-up their teams for a competition that begins in five weeks' time.

Great Britain have been one of the first to nominate their quota for special training. Six possibles have been named and I understand this number will be reduced to four after a series of five-set trial matches which will form part of the programme at the Melbury meeting, beginning on April 11.

When what is virtually a new team has to be fashioned and the candidates for places are fairly level as results go some test of this kind may be desirable—if only to provide an incentive.

But I hope figures will not count too much. When home players meet each other frequently results are not always indicative of what the winner might do against an unknown invader. Here foreign experience and a capacity for strategic resource may even prove better than strokes.

It is what the candidate can "rise to" on a big occasion that matters; also how far he is likely to develop by definite encouragement now.

Another factor which may invalidate the result of early season trials is inequality of practice before the event. Some of the six will probably have had more match play this year than others. Or the weather conditions may not be uniform. We may, however, assume that selectors will give consideration to all these points.

THE RUMANIAN MATCH

I believe the first-round match, Great Britain v. Rumania, is likely to be played in the stimulating air of Harrogate. If success comes here the team will be required to meet either Czechoslovakia or Yugoslavia, going to either Prague or Zagreb, whichever Slav nation comes through. Beyond that match we need not for the moment peer.

News of other national teams comes to hand. France, who meet the Netherlands before encountering Monaco—a match that will be decided at Marseilles—are likely to field Y. Petra, B. Destreman and C. Boussus, with probably H. Bolelli as a partner for Petra in the doubles.

BOROTRA'S LEG

Jean Borotra showed me his mending leg when he was in London the other day. He intends to resume play in a week or two, but one doubts whether he will be muscle-fit for strenuous doubles just yet.

The German team, meeting Norway in the first round, will probably be H. Henkel, E. Dettmer, and R. Gopfert, the last two having made rapid progress this winter on covered courts.

Hungary will get a "walk-over" from New Zealand and India one from Austria, who will not have an independent representation under the new regime.

FULL STRENGTH TEAMS

The Czechs will be at full strength, with R. Menzel back in the team, and supported in singles by either Hecht or Cejnar. So will the strong Yugoslavs, probably relying on Puncel and Pallada in both singles and doubles.

The teams I have named are the principal candidates for survival in the European zone. As for the Australians, who fight exclusively in America this year, their team, although four in number, will almost certainly be reduced to two—A. K. Quist and J. Bromwich—when it comes to the big occasion.

The holders need not nominate their team before August 24—a long enough interval for summer form to exert its influence. But even at this date there is little doubt that Donald Budge and Robert Riggs will be the two singles players.

The point for later debate, I assume, is whether Budge will partner Mako in doubles. There are apparently candidates for Mako's shoes, including Wilmer Allison and Sabin.

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1 M. G. Coy), 57; 2, L/Cpl. Swan (No. 2 M. G. Coy), 56; 3, Pte. Groves (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 47.
"C" Class—1, Pte. Alves (No. 5 M. G. Coy), 52; 2, Pte. Watts (No. 1 M. G. Coy), 47; 3, Pte. Noronha (No. 5 Coy), 47.
There were 113 entries.
Revolver Competition—1, Pipe-Major Mackie (No. 2 Coy), 50; 2, Sgt. Lockhart (Engineers), Lt. Holmes (No. 1 Coy), Pte. Hammond (No. 1 Coy), and Sgt. Brett (A. Car Coy), 40.



Two of the greatest personalities in tennis to-day, Donald Budge, the Wimbledon, American and Australian Champion, left, and Baron Von Cramm, the German champion, and Wimbledon runner-up, right, are likely absentees from this year's tournaments. Budge is "on the mat" for allegedly taking money for playing an Exhibition in New Zealand, while Baron Von Cramm is being held as a political prisoner in Germany.

RE-ARRANGED LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

To-morrow's Singles Replay

Owing to the inclement weather conditions prevailing at the moment, the remaining matches in the Colony Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships and the H.K.C.C. Handicap and Club Championship events have been re-arranged.

If weather conditions do not permit the Open Singles Semi-Final Replay, between Tsui Yun-pui and H.D. Rumjahn (holder), to be played to-morrow, this will be held next Saturday next, April 30, while the Open Doubles Final may be deferred to Saturday, May 7.

The following is the re-arranged programme:—



TO-MORROW

(Court No. 9)

Club Handicap Doubles Semi-Final
H. Owen Hughes and W. M. Barton (—15) vs. G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan (—15).
Open Singles Semi-Final (Stand Court)
H. D. Rumjahn vs. Tsui Yun-pui.

THURSDAY

(Stand Court)
Club Championship Final

W. Sander vs. L. Goldman.

FRIDAY

(Stand Court)
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles Final

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Storey (—3/6) vs. H. Owen Hughes and Miss J. Smith (—15.2).

MONDAY, MAY 2ND

(Stand Court)
Club Handicap Singles Final

G. W. Sewell (—15) vs. H. Owen Hughes (—15).

TUESDAY, MAY 3RD

Open Singles Final (Stand Court)

Tsui Wai-pui vs. H. D. Rumjahn or Tsui Yun-pui.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

(Stand Court)
Club Handicap Doubles Final

N. L. H. Bailton and E. E. Storey (—4/6) vs. H. Owen Hughes and W. M. Barton (—15) or G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan (—15).

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

Open Doubles Final (Stand Court)

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn vs. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui.

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ENGLAND DISAPPOINT AT BELFAST

(By HARRY HASLAM)

Ireland 3 England 0

London, March 21.

A record crowd of 6,000 saw Ireland retain the International championship in a three-goal victory over England at Belfast. It was their second successive victory over England, but it was regrettable that it had to be achieved by tactics which were the roughest I have ever known in international hockey.

Stuart and Leeming were both badly hurt, and there were several minor injuries to other English players. In many instances the umpiring should have been much stricter.

It is possible, of course, that Ireland would have won anyway, as England shaped in disappointing fashion.

Among the Ireland players who were content to play what I could

term "real hockey" were Coulson, Thompson and Lacey, all of whom were in brilliant form.

FIRST SCORE

Swain opened the scoring for Ireland after 10 minutes, and before the interval Coulson added a second goal. England had bad luck when the whistle blew as Penn was shooting from a penalty corner.

England were also awarded a penalty bully, against the Ireland goalkeeper, but Rothwell missed badly, and this appeared to shake the side's confidence.

In the second half, Bowden scored the best goal of the match, after which the game was too rough to be pleasant.

Evans, Wyatt and Rothwell did well for England, who, however, were too slow at half-back.

Ireland:—J. Carroll (Ulster); J. K. Craig (Leinster), P. J. Dolan (Leinster); N. B. Thompson (Teddington), D. J. Coulson (Army), V. Sanderson (Leinster); S. de Lacy (Ulster), G. B. Swain (Munster), J. McDonagh (Leinster), J. Bowden (Ulster), T. G. McVeagh (Leinster).
England:—J. B. Evans (West); C. E. N. Wyatt (South), J. A. L. Leeming (West); Rev. M. Martin-Harvey (Midlands), T. L. Rowan (South), A. J. Stuart (South); R. C. Tattersall (North), G. D. Penn (South), R. E. Adlard (West), P. T. Rothwell (South), J. S. Pope (West).

INTERNATIONAL TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Goals
Ireland	3	3	0	11	1	
England	3	2	1	12	3	
Scotland	2	0	2	1	10	
Wales	2	0	2	0	10	

GT. BRITAIN'S 1ST ICE-HOCKEY WIN OVER AMERICA

Great Britain.....6 U.S.A. 4

Great Britain gained their first victory over U.S.A. in 10 years of international ice hockey between the countries when, at Haringay last night, they won by 6-4.

It was a fast game of varying fortunes, in which the lead changed hands four times. The opportunism of Britain's forwards was the deciding factor, for though the Americans were equally as speedy, their finishing was poor.

Archer opened for Britain after five minutes, but Bogue equalised. Whitelaw restored Britain's advantage, but again U.S.A. drew level through Lemieux.

In the second period the Americans attacked strongly, and went ahead through goals by Charest and Vann. There was no holding Britain in the last 20 minutes. Scoring twice, Forgie levelled matters again, and Archer netted Britain's fifth. Whitelaw made victory certain three minutes from time.

MILLWALL TAKE LEAD IN THIRD DIVISION

London, To-day.

Millwall, who are making a strong bid for promotion in the Third Division (South) jumped to the head of the table as the result of a brilliant 4-0 victory over the well-balanced Bournemouth team.

Millwall have won six of their last eight games, drawing one and losing one, with a goal average of 18-4.

Hull City strengthened their hold on the leadership of the Third Division (North) by a 3-1. Results of yesterday's games follow:

SECOND DIVISION

Chesterfield 2 Newcastle 0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Millwall 4 Bournemouth 0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow 0 Accrington 0

Bradford C. 1 Gateshead 1

Halifax 2 Lincoln 0

Hull 3 York 1

Oldham 2 N. Brighton 1

Wrexham 0 Carlisle 0

SCOTTISH (SECOND)

East Sterling 2 East Fife 1

—Reuter.

CRICK RUN CENTENARY CELEBRATED

London, March 23.

The centenary of Rugby School's famous Crick Run was celebrated on Saturday when several features were introduced as a reminder of former traditions.

Recalling the days when the rectors of Crick provided beer in perpetuity for those whom were weakened when reaching the halfway post the runners were regaled with beer on their return.

The entry was larger than for some years and H. B. Hunter (Whitelaw), running over a new course planned to eliminate the last five miles on a main road, was a strong winner in 1h. 6min. 30sec.

AMBITIOUS LINCOLN TURF PLAN

NEW STAND FOR ANOTHER 1,500 SPECTATORS

London, March 23.

The sum of £30,000 is to be spent by Lincoln Corporation on a new stand and racecourse improvements, at Lincoln, before next year's Spring Meeting takes place. The new stand will accommodate 15,000 people.

By taking in some of the ground on the far side of the track and providing a new line of rails, the Lincolnshire Handicap will be run in future on a practically straight course.

The lease of the course to the present company terminates next year. A race committee was formed by the Corporation a year ago, with Councillor H. Leven as chairman.

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TWO BLACKOUTS IN AMERICAN BASEBALL

Cardinals Bow To The Reds

SENATORS ALSO "ON THE SPOT"

New York, To-day.

Yesterday's Baseball programme was curtailed in both the National and American Leagues, owing to rain, the Indians and White Sox postponing their clash in the latter League. Two games in the National League, between the Dodgers and Braves, and Philadelphia and New York, were also held over.

Yesterday's encounters were conspicuous for two "black-outs," in both Leagues.

The Red Sox were in fighting form and Oster Mueller brought his best guns in play from the mound to blank the Senators, for a seven clear runs victory.

The Tigers were also at their best and overwhelmed the Browns by 10 runs to 1.

In the National League, the Cardinals sorely missed the services of "Dizzy" Dean, from the mound, and had to suffer defeat at the hands of the Reds, Derringer bringing his Tommy guns into action to blank St. Louis, while Kampouris rubbed it in by scoring a four-bagger.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 1 7 0
Philadelphia 6 8 0
Lodigiani hit a homer.

Boston 7 9 2
Washington 0 4 0
Oster Mueller pitched.

Detroit 10 13 1
Greenberg and Laabs hit a homer.
St. Louis 1 8 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 6 11 1
Tony Lazzeri hit a homer.
Pittsburgh 8 12 1

St. Louis 0 3 2
Derringer pitched.
Cincinnati 5 11 0
Kampouris hit a homer.

—Reuter.

N. S. C. Plan London Fight For Farr AGAINST FOORD OR NEUSEL IN MAY

Henry Armstrong On Same Bill

(By "HAROLD LEWIS")

London, March 23.

PLANS for one of the most ambitious boxing tournaments of recent years, to take place in the new Earl's Court building, were disclosed yesterday by Mr. Harding, manager of the National Sporting Club.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OVERTURES MADE TO HIM BY TOMMY FARR'S AMERICAN MANAGER, JOE GOULD, MR. HARDING HAS SHAPED OUT, AS A POSSIBLE PROGRAMME, FIGHTS BETWEEN TOMMY FARR AND BEN FOORD OR WALTER NEUSEL AND THE WORLD'S FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION, HENRY ARMSTRONG, AND THE REIGNING BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, JIMMY WALSH OR DAVE CROWLEY.

A third fight on the same programme would include Gunnar Baerlund, the Finnish heavyweight, who recently knocked out the giant, Buddy Baer, in New York.

Such a programme would be costly, but necessary, to fill this huge hall, which, for boxing purposes, is estimated to hold 22,000.

BEATEN BOTH BEFORE

Foord and Neusel are meeting in Hamburg on April 16, and although Farr has beaten both men, his victory over Foord was narrow, and Neusel can fight much better than he did when he was knocked out by Farr in three rounds. If Farr met Foord the British title would no doubt be at stake.

But it should be noted that Foord has yet to fight Eddie Phillips in accordance with instructions from the British Boxing Board of Control, in a final eliminating contest for the right to meet Farr.

Neither Foord nor Phillips, nor Neusel, has yet been secured by the N.S.C., while Armstrong is known to be expensive. This programme therefore, while undoubtedly attractive, is in the air at the moment.

Armstrong, by the way, is a negro, a magnificent boxer and a tremendous puncher. He is considered, weight for weight, to be the world's best boxer to-day.

HARRINGAY PLANS

General Critchley, of the White City and Haringay, also has ideas regarding a fight for Farr. He has returned recently from the United States, and would like to stage either a Max Schmeling-Max Baer world's eliminating fight (which he believes the Ministry of Labour would permit) or a "rubber" fight between Max Baer and Farr.

It is high time one of the promoters did something for London in the shape of an important fight.

TWO MONTHS REST

Frank Hough is to rest for two months, according to his own statement yesterday, following his severe beating at Earl's Court on Monday by Tommy Martin. Possibly he will listen to good advice and test himself really thoroughly at the end of that period before deciding whether to return to the ring or hang up his gloves for ever.

Next Tuesday is the date fixed for the opening of the new social premises of the National Sporting

Club at 105, Piccadilly. The use of the field Golf and Country Club, near Crawley, Sussex, has been added to the amenities of the Club.

BERG'S THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN

New York, March 17. —Jack "Kid" Berg, former British lightweight champion, who is seeking the world's welterweight title, won his third successive fight on his present tour of this country when he defeated Vincent Pimpinella on points at the Broadway Arena, Brooklyn, last night. The fight was over eight rounds.

CRICKET COACH FOR SUFFOLK

C. Perkins, the Northamptonshire professional, will act as coach to Suffolk County Cricket Club this season. Eventually, he will qualify for Suffolk.

B.B.B.C. Action Certain To Cause Dissension

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, March 19.—The British Boxing Board of Control yesterday took a step regarding the British heavy-weight title which is certain to cause dissension. They selected Ben Foord and Eddie Phillips for a final eliminating contest, which means that the winner will be first challenger to Tommy Farr.

Len Harvey, a former holder of the heavy-weight title, has been voicing his claims for a title match with Farr for some time, and Larry Gains, the Canadian negro, has also asked for recognition as a former Empire champion.

Harvey has beaten Phillips, though at the light-heavy-weight, and on their record Harvey's claim must be at least as strong as that of Foord. Harvey has been beaten only twice as a heavy-weight—on each occasion by Jack Petersen—from whom he first took the title.

In any event, there is no sign of Farr returning from America as long as he has a chance of fighting for the world's championship. He will probably be given a stated time in which to defend the British title, and, if he remains absent, it will be declared vacant.

FAMOUS ST. ANDREAN PASSES

DEATH OF FRED MACKENZIE

Glasgow, March 26.

Mr. Fred Mackenzie, Rosewood, St. Andrews, one of the greatest golfers that St. Andrews ever produced, died in the Cottage Hospital, St. Andrews, this morning. Fred Mackenzie was known to golfers all over the world for the perfection of his style.

During a brief stay in America, Fred joined the professional ranks, and this proved a turning point in his career for, on his return to Britain, he wished to play as an amateur, as he had no real desire to enter into professional competitions.

He was born at Andrews. A member of St Andrews Golf Club, son of Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, St Andrews Thistle, and St Andrews New Club, and he won practically every trophy that there was to win in these organisations.

He also secured the Royal and Ancient Golf Club Medal trophy that carried with it the title of Links Champion of St. Andrews, on at least seven occasions. In 1927, when the Open Championship was placed at St. Andrews, Fred was induced to enter by his friends, and he led the qualifiers. He represented St. Andrews Golf Club against Carnoustie, and also in the annual match between the town and the Captain's team of Royal and Ancient Golf Club members.

He is survived by Mrs. Mackenzie, one son, and one daughter. He represented Scotland against England in the amateur international for the second successive year.

BECAME LEGENDARY

Fred Mackenzie's name became legendary in the home of golf on his return from America. He was

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Russian Vagabonds, Theodore Katz Director. Salon Orch.
Russian Portpourri (Michailowsky).
Russian Balalaika Orchestra.
7.45 p.m.—Studio—"Russian Lyrics" Recital by Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Barcarolle ("Tales Of Hoffmann"—Offenbach).
Intermezzo (Coleridge-Taylor).
Prelude (Haydn Wood).
Turkey In The Straw (Guion).
Handel In The Strand (Grainger).
Mock Morris Dances (Grainger).
A Life On The Ocean (Nautical Selection—Binding).
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Escape"—2. First-hand accounts by prisoners of War—"What a Skeleton Key Will Do." A talk by Lt.-Col. M.C.C. Harrison.
9.00 p.m.—Studio—Lalo Concerto—Estrore Pellegatti (Cello) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"The Yeomen Of The Guard" (Sullivan).
"The Sorcerer"—Selection (Sullivan).
"Trial By Jury"—Selection (Sullivan).
10.07 p.m.—Les Allen (Baritone) and Debroy Somers Band.
Northern And Southern Memories.
Savoy Russian Memories.
Savoy Southern Memories.
Debroy Somers Band.
When Did You Leave Heaven (From "Sing, Baby Sing").
Pill Sing You A Thousand Love Songs (From "Cain And Mabel").
Les Allen.
Ballroom Memories (No. 1 Waltzes).
Debroy Somers Band.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

7.15 a.m.—To be announced.
7.40 a.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.00 a.m.
8.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The Roy Cadence Sextet.
11.15 a.m.—Famous London Buildings: Westminster Hall. A dramatic survey of its 800 years' history.
11.45 a.m.—Students' Songs. The BBC Men's Chorus.
12.20 p.m.—Variety.
12.30 p.m.—"Escape" (First-hand Accounts by Prisoners-of-War)—2: "What a Skeleton Key Will Do." A talk by Lt.-Col. M. C. C. Harrison.
1.00 p.m.—The Aston Hippodrome Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.57 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
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GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The Carlton Hotel Orchestra.
2.20 p.m.—"It Happens Every Day" (Second Edition). A revue.
3.00 p.m.—"Milestones of Melody" With Gerald and his Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—The Cedric Sharpe Sextet.
4.40 p.m.—"Waltzing Matilda"—3: "Some Reflections on Travel in the British Empire."
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Fancy Bidding

Mr. Culbertson is conducting, you or do you not cover? through this column, an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Questions 25 and 26 of the self rating bridge examination appeared yesterday. They were:

Question 25: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. Your partner dealt and bid one no trump. Next hand passed. You hold:

S.—10 8 5 4
H.—J 9 7 5
D.—6
C.—A J 8 3

What call do you make?

Answer: You should bid two clubs. Your distribution [singleton diamond] is not advantageous at no trump. If partner now can bid either major suit your hand will warrant a raise in that suit, and definite hope of game. [One point demerit for passing. Two points demerit for any bid except two clubs].

Question 26: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North
1 no trump Pass 2 no trump Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass Pass

Your holding is:

S.—Q J 10 8 4
H.—A J 9 7 5
D.—5 3
C.—7

What card do you lead?

Answer: Your best lead is the spade queen. This is an attacking lead and, at the same time, a safe one. To lead away from your heart semi-tenace may be to present the declarer with the one trick needed for his contract. [One point demerit for fourth best heart lead. Two points demerit for a diamond or club lead].

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question 27: You are East, defending against a four spade contract. West opened the diamond king. Dummy and your hand are as follows:

NORTH [dummy].
S.—K 8 2
H.—J 9 5 2
D.—A 6 3
C.—Q J 9

EAST

S.—7 6 5 4
H.—Q 10
D.—J 5
C.—K 8 7 5 4

The diamond ace won the first trick, and the club queen is led. Do the jack.

TO-DAY'S HAND

Match point duplicate.
South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—5 4
H.—Q J 10 6 3 2
D.—Q 8
C.—Q 9 7

WEST

S.—K Q 9 8 3 S.—J 7 2
H.—K 5 4 H.—9 8
D.—9 3 D.—J 7 5
C.—J 8 5 C.—10 6 4 3 2

SOUTH

S.—A 10 6
H.—A 7
D.—A K 10 6 4 2
C.—A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 no trump	Pass	4 hearts	Pass
5 diamonds	Pass	5 hearts	Pass
6 no trump	Double	Pass	Pass

Obviously, South did some fancy bidding. He chose to open with two no trump rather than the correct bid of two diamonds, because his partner was weak in the play of the cards and if the final contract was to be no trump South wanted to "get there first." West's double was just one more instance of a foolish bid, much to lose by "placing cards," and little to gain.

The spade king was opened, East following with the seven. Declarer won, cashed the ace and king of clubs, then crossed to the diamond queen and discarded a spade on the club queen. Declarer then rattled off the entire diamond suit.

Coming down to three cards, West did exactly as declarer had hoped—the would do. Naturally, he had to guard the heart king, and this reduced him to one spade. To his everlasting shame, he kept the spade queen instead of a low spade. He was now thrown on lead with a spade and had to return a heart from his king.

I wish I had a dollar for every time this mistake is made. I grant, unequivocally, that West could not be sure about the location of the spade jack. But one thing he should have known: that was, that if he held on to the spade queen against this particular declarer, he certainly would be end-played. The right defence would have been to chuck the spade queen and pray that East, instead of declarer, held

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G.M.T.—
6.00 a.m.—Big Ben. Empire Exchange.
6.15 a.m.—Music Hall.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd April to the 28th April, 1938 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors

H. DA LUZ,
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Hong Kong, 15th April, 1938.

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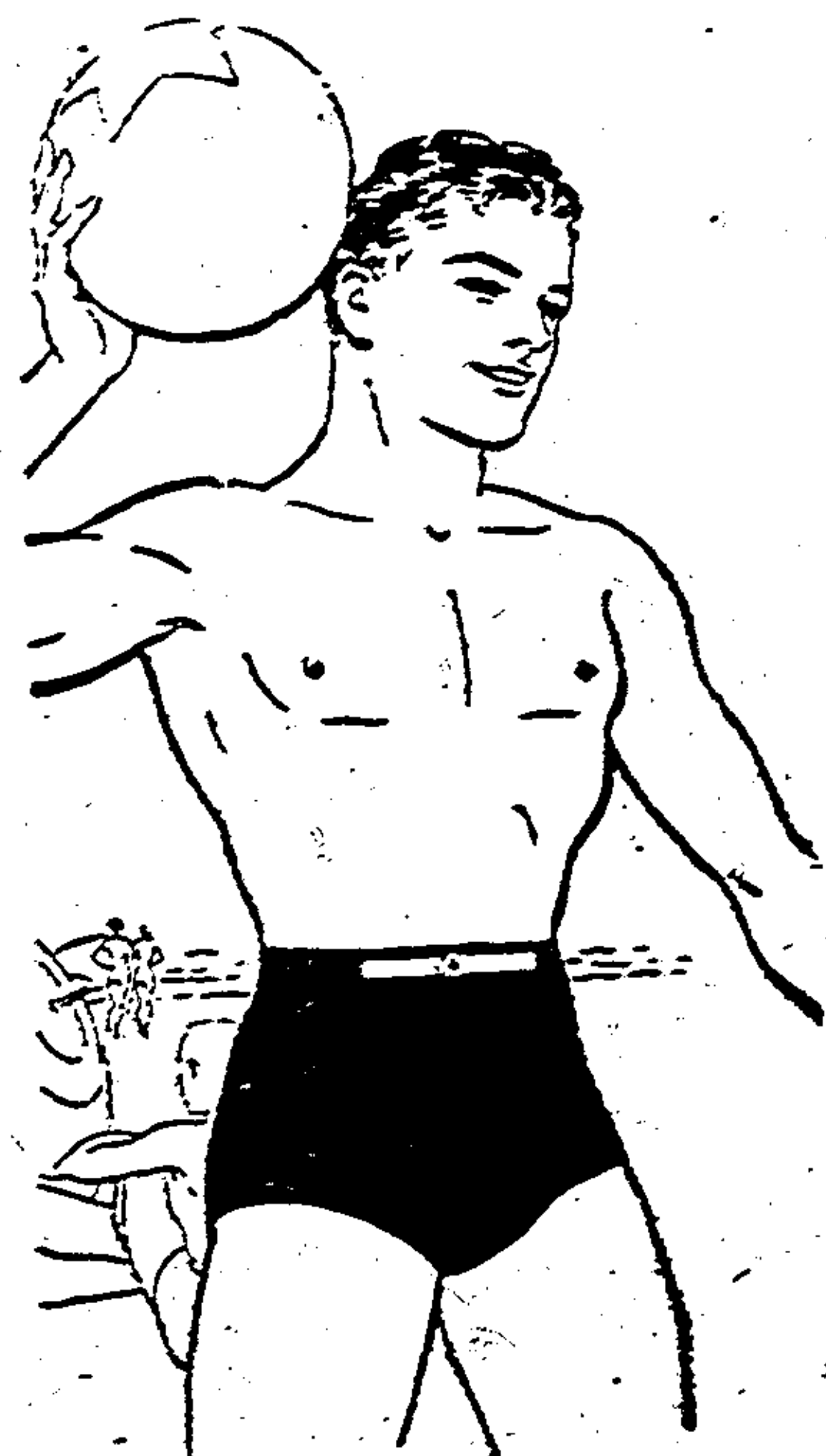
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